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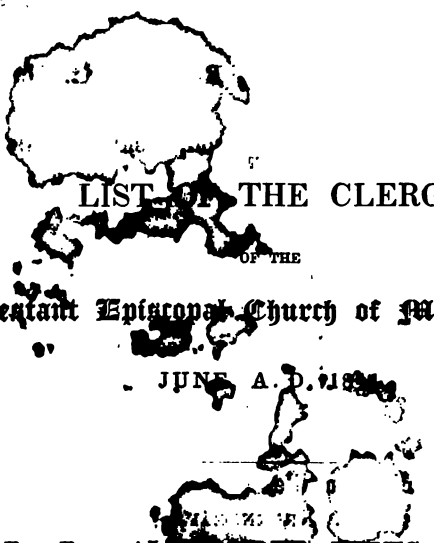
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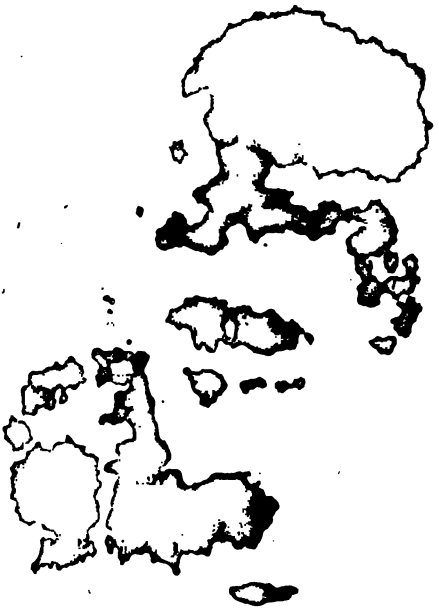
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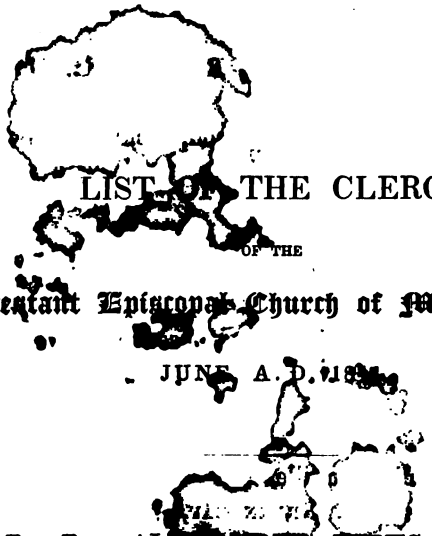
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Trinity Church, Van Deusenville. *Washington Adams, John N. Robbins.*

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St. John's Church, Charlestown. Stephen Whitmore, Jr. John Curtis, Jr.

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Christ Church, Springfield. Diah Allen, Major Goodsell, George Sexton.

St. Stephen's Church, Whitefield. Edward A. Newton, Jonathan Allen, Jr. Justus Merrill.

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On motion,

Resolved, That the Convention proceed to the election of a Secretary.

The Bishop appointed the Rev. Mr. Hoppin to collect and count the ballots, who reported the whole number to be twenty-nine, all of which being for the present incumbent.

Whereupon the President declared the Rev. Alfred L. Baury, Rector of St. Mary's Church, Newton Lower Falls, unanimously reëlected Secretary to the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church of Massachusetts, for the ensuing year.

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* Those gentlemen whose names are printed in *italics* are *believed* not to have been in attendance at the Convention.

The Rev. Mr. Watson, from the Committee appointed at the last Convention to draw up rules of order for conducting the business of the Convention, presented their Report, and,

On motion,

Resolved, That the same be laid upon the table.

On motion,

Resolved, That the rules of order for the last Convention be read, and adopted for the present.

On motion,

Resolved, That all clergymen of the Protestant Episcopal Church, not members of this Convention, theological students, and candidates for holy orders, be admitted to seats in the same.

Whereupon the following gentlemen appeared and took their seats:

The Rev. Sylvester Nash, of the Eastern Diocese.

The Rev. Samuel Cutler, Deacon, of Massachusetts.

The Rev. Joseph Scott, Rector of St. James's Church, Derby, Conn.

The Rev. William Warland, Rector of Grace Church, Saybrook, Conn.

The Rev. Mr. Thayer, of the Diocese of Connecticut.

The Rev. Mr. Watson, Secretary of the Standing Committee, presented the following Report:

The Standing Committee of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the Diocese of Massachusetts, in conformity with the requisitions of the eighth article of the Constitution, respectfully report to the Convention the following abstract from the records of their proceedings during the last year.

Since their appointment at the last annual Convention, the Committee have held regular monthly and several special meetings; and they have granted the canonical testimonials, at the following dates, in favor, respectively, of the following applicants, namely:

1840. *June* 24. The Rev. W. E. Wyatt, D. D. President of

the Standing Committee of the Diocese of Maryland, requesting the consent of the Standing Committee of this Diocese to the consecration of the Rev. W. R. Whittingham, D. D. Bishop elect of the Diocese of Maryland :

July 7. The Rev. W. Withington, Deacon, applying to be admitted to the order of Priests ; and Caleb Morton Stimpson, applying for recommendation as a candidate for Holy Orders :

August 11. The Rev. Edward Neufville, President of the Standing Committee of the Diocese of Georgia, asking the consent of the Standing Committee of this Diocese to the consecration of the Rev. Stephen Elliott, Jr. Bishop elect of the Diocese of Georgia :

September 1. Moses Parsons Stickney, lately a minister of the Congregational denomination, applying to be recommended as a candidate for orders :

October 6. Fordyce Mitchell Hubbard, A. M. a graduate of Williams College ; Robert T. S. Lowell, a graduate of Harvard College ; and Wellington E. Webb, a graduate of Washington College ; severally applying for recommendation as candidates for orders : and Ambrose P. Merrill, a candidate for orders, applying to be admitted to the order of Deacons :

December 1. The Rev. George Leeds, Deacon, applying for admission to Priests' orders ; and Justin Field, Jr. a graduate of Amherst College, and George D. Wildes, severally asking to be recommended as candidates for orders :

1841. *Jan.* 5. Moses P. Stickney, a candidate for orders, applying to be admitted to Deacons' orders ; and Jonathan Coe, a graduate of a "Wesleyan University," asking to be recommended as a candidate for orders :

May 7. Samuel Cutler, a candidate for orders, applying to be admitted to the order of Deacons ; the Bishop of the Diocese having deemed it expedient to grant a dispensation for the remaining two years of the applicant's term as a candidate for orders, under the 7th section of Canon IV. of 1838.

All which is respectfully submitted, in behalf of the Standing Committee. JOHN L. WATSON, *Secretary.*

Boston, June 8, 1841.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Convention now attend public wor-

ship, to reassemble immediately after the same in the body of the church.

Morning service was then celebrated by the Rev. Alfred L. Baury, Rector of St. Mary's Church, Newton Lower Falls, the Rt. Rev. Bishop Griswold performing the ante-communion service. The sermon was preached by the Rev. Mr. Watson, of Trinity Church, Boston; text from St. Paul's Second Epistle to the Corinthians, fifth chapter and fourteenth verse: "*For the love of Christ constraineth us.*"

The Rt. Rev. the Bishop then administered the Lord's supper, assisted by the Rev. Mr. Baury.

The congregation having retired, the Bishop took the chair, and the Convention was declared open for business.

On motion,

Resolved, When this Convention adjourn, it shall be to reassemble this afternoon at half past 2 o'clock; and that the Annual Report of the Board of Missions be then received.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Convention now adjourn.

Christ Church, Wednesday, June 9,
half past 2 *o'clock, P. M.*

The Convention reassembled, pursuant to adjournment.

The Rt. Rev. Dr. Griswold having taken the chair, the roll was called, and the Convention declared open for business. Ebenezer Rhoades, Esq. a delegate from St. James's Church, Roxbury, Thomas W. Short, Esq. a delegate from Christ Church, Cambridge, Moses Merrill, Esq. a delegate from St. Paul's Church, Newburyport, severally appeared, and took their seats.

The Rev. Mr. Watson, Secretary of the Board of Missions, presented their Annual Report, with the Treasurer's account, which were read, and are as follows:

The Board of Missions of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Massachusetts, in submitting to the Convention

their Fifth Annual Report, while they desire to acknowledge with gratitude the continued protection of the great Head of the church during the year which has now drawn to a close, have also to express their regret that larger success has not attended their operations in the sphere of labor which has been assigned them. They believe, however, that there yet remains cause for encouragement in the prosecution of the work in which they have been engaged, from the trust which they still retain that, in the providence of God, the Missionary Institution of the Church under its present organization will in future meet with a more hearty coöperation in its proceedings than it has hitherto experienced, and which it seems alone to require, with the Divine blessing, to render it useful and effective.

Since their last Report, the Board have received from various sources, the details of which will be found in the statistical tables prepared by the Treasurer and accompanying this report, the sum of $2340 11; and this amount has been appropriated towards the support of their Missionaries in the following parishes and in the following proportions, namely: To the Rev. Mr. Stearns, while Missionary at St. James's Church, Amesbury, at the rate of $200 per annum. To the Rev. Mr. Bates, Missionary at St. Mark's, Blandford, $150 per annum. To the Rev. Mr. Bent, Missionary at St. John's, Charlestown, $750 per annum. To the Rev. Mr. Withington, Missionary at Christ Church, Clappville, $150 per annum. To the Rev. Mr. Randall, Missionary at the Church of the Ascension, in Fall River, $250 per annum. To the Rev. Mr. Wadleigh, while Missionary at Ipswich, where it was thought advisable to establish a Missionary station, at the rate of $300 per annum. To the Rev. Mr. Waters, Missionary at Trinity Church, Lenox, $100 per annum. To the Rev. Mr. Allen, Missionary at St. Paul's Church, Otis, $100 per annum. To the Rev. Mr. Lee, Missionary at Christ Church, Springfield, at the rate of $250 per annum. To the Rev. Mr. Fuller, Missionary at Christ Church, Andover, at the rate of $100 per annum.

The majority of these parishes have been considered as regular stations during the whole year; but to some of them the support granted has been only temporary or occasional; and there are others, not here specified, to which appropriations

have been made according to the especial designation of the contributors.

It was intended also to present to the Convention a brief statement, sufficient to show the general condition of the above parishes; but, from the failure of all the Missionaries, (with the exception of the Missionary at Blandford,) to comply with the first article of Instructions furnished them, which renders it incumbent upon "every clergyman in the employment of the Board to forward to the Secretary of the Board a written report of his Mission by the first of June annually," reference can now only be made to such information respecting their condition as may be gathered from the Parochial Reports of these parishes which will probably be made to the President of this Convention. This failure, however, though evidently a neglect of duty on the part of the Missionaries, is of less consequence to the Convention, as it is believed that, with one or two exceptions, the situation of these parishes has not materially varied since the last Annual Report.

In making provision for the expenses of the year which has now terminated, the Board found it necessary to assume the sum of $3500 as the amount required to cover the deficiencies of the year preceding, and to carry on their operations up to the present time; and accordingly a Committee of their number was authorized to apportion this amount among the several parishes of the Diocese, according to what might appear to be, in their judgment, their respective abilities to contribute. This apportionment was made with the express understanding and declaration, on the part of the Board, that they "disclaimed all right to assess and enforce the collection of such amounts on any parish, and that the appeal would be made only to the *voluntary* sympathy of their brethren of the ministry and laity of the Church in Massachusetts, throwing themselves wholly on the love and zeal which those brethren were believed to feel for the Church of Christ." It was also distinctly stated that the sums named by the Committee as the quota of the respective parishes formed only the amount considered absolutely necessary to enable the Board to discharge the liabilities which had been already incurred, and to sustain their Missionaries during the year for which they had been appointed. Yet further to promote their objects it was

deemed expedient to have recourse to the appointment of one of their number as an agent to visit the Parishes throughout the State, " for the purpose of diffusing information on the subject of our Missionary operations, of exciting, if possible, an efficient interest in those operations; and thus of securing the contribution of funds sufficient to meet the wants of the Board." By comparing the amounts actually received with the sum stated as absolutely requisite to discharge the responsibilities of the Board in their capacity of Agents for this Convention, it will be seen that there is a deficiency of $1159 89. From this sum, however, there is to be deducted about $300, arising from the circumstance of some of the Missionaries having left the stations to which they were appointed before the end of the year; and the small amount now in the treasury; leaving an actual deficiency, at the end of the present month, of more than $800: or, in other words, it may be stated that the Convention of the Diocese of Massachusetts is in debt to the Missionaries employed by Agents under their authority to the amount which has been last mentioned.

The obvious question arises, how shall this debt be discharged? for discharged it must be, if the Convention would preserve inviolate its honesty and integrity. The faithful and laborious Missionaries certainly must not be allowed to lose the small and inadequate reward of their labors; the Board of Missions never took upon themselves any farther pecuniary responsibility than that of fairly accounting for the faithful expenditure of such means as might be put into their hands: it remains therefore for the Convention to decide in what manner the funds required to discharge this debt may be obtained. It is very evident that the deficiency has arisen from the want of some uniform and efficient mode of systematic contribution, to be devised and designated by the Convention, and to be readily and cordially adopted by all the parishes in union with the Convention. Without some such mode there cannot be any reasonable anticipation of much future success; the enterprises of the Church must hereafter be conducted only in the most feeble and fruitless manner, and the friends of Missions in this Diocese, and the missionaries employed under the authorized institutions of the Church, must be continually disheartened with the prospect of empty treasuries and unrequited exertions. To appoint a Board of Missions, with

authority to conduct certain operations in their behalf, and yet to leave them destitute of the means of fulfilling the trust committed to them, and fully and punctually discharging the responsibilities which, in the performance of duties imposed upon them, they are compelled to assume on account of others, — this is a want of good faith which the Board feel unwilling to believe will any longer be sanctioned by the Convention.

At the last annual meeting of this body it was suggested that some mode like that which prevails in other dioceses, recommending to every congregation to make annual remittances, in some shape or other, to the objects of the Board might be profitably adopted. The Convention adjourned, however, without adopting any plan, or even proposing any measure, notwithstanding the subject had been repeatedly pressed upon their notice. The Board of Missions therefore feel themselves constrained once more to bring the subject before the Convention, and respectfully to ask that, either in the mode which has been suggested, or in such other, as in their wisdom they may deem more suitable and proper, some action may be had on the part of the Convention by which the responsibilities already incurred on their behalf may be immediately and honorably discharged, and ample provision made for their future operations. And the Board desire to urge this matter the more earnestly upon the attention of the Convention, from the firm conviction that, unless this request be complied with, the Missionary operations will hereafter be attended with a degree of embarrassment and distress and mortification, which will not only render the duties connected with them of so painful and discouraging a character as to prevent their being undertaken, but must also produce a result most ruinous and destructive to the welfare of the Church in this Diocese.

The individuals composing the present Board of Missions may be permitted further to state, that they have discovered no defect in the present organization of the Board; they believe it to be the best that can be devised for the purpose of conducting the Missionary operations of the Church in this Diocese; and they have no hesitation in expressing their full conviction that no other mode, in their opinion, possesses so many advantages as the present, or is more in accordance with the general principles and in-

stitutions of the Church, or more entitled to general confidence. They have therefore no change in this respect to recommend or desire; for they sincerely believe that all that remains, God's blessing resting upon their labors, to secure entire success, is the hearty coöperation of every minister and every parish with the labors and exertions of the Board of Missions, as it is now constituted, and annually appointed by the Convention of the Diocese.

In view, therefore, of the whole subject, they close this Report with the following Resolution, which they commend to the consideration of the Convention:

Resolved, That the attention of the Convention now in session be especially and respectfully solicited to the subject of providing funds for the Missionary operations of the Church in this Diocese, with a view to such action thereon as, in the deliberate judgment of that body may appear most suitable and effectual for producing among the various parishes in Massachusetts a more general and permanent coöperation in sustaining the Board of Missions acting under the authority of this Convention.

In behalf of the Massachusetts Board of Missions.

JOHN L. WATSON, *Secretary.*

The Treasurer presents the following financial abstract, which will readily show from whence the receipts of the Board of Missions have been derived for five years, being from its organization, in 1836, to the present time. Donations of individuals, if known, are placed to their respective churches.

BENJ. P. RICHARDSON.

Towns.	Churches.	1837.	1838.	1839.	1840.	1841.	Total.
Amesbury	St. James's			21 00	11 00		$32 00
Andover	Christ			50 00	9 03		59 03
Ashfield	St. John's			4 25			4 25
Blandford	St. Mark's			3 00	5 00	2 00	10 00
Boston	Christ	50 00	30 00	170 00	100 00	25 00	375 00
"	Trinity	5 80	200 00	656 00	325 00	464 00	1,650 80
"	St. Paul's	141 00	7 23	501 25	668 12	640 00	1,957 60
"	Grace	11 00	225 00	254 75	200 00	325 00	1,015 75
"	St. Matthew's			20 00	9 50		29 50
"	Mission				5 00	5 00	10 00
"	Prayer Books		53 34	156 66	64 00	16 64	290 64
"	Miscellaneous*	150 95		209 87	147 83	5 70	514 35
Bridgewater	Trinity			53 03	53 00	103 50	209 53
Cambridge	Christ			58 50	20 56	14 00	93 06
Charlestown	St. John's					20 00	20 00
Dedham	St. Paul's			30 05		25 00	55 05
Fall River	Ch. of Ascension				26 49	25 00	51 49
Gr't Barrington (Van Deusenv.)	St. James's	15 00					15 00
	Trinity					9 00	9 00
Greenfield	St. James's			10 00		10 00	20 00
Hanover	St. Andrew's			10 00			10 00
Hopkinton.	St. Paul's						
Ipswich	Miss. Station					5 00	5 00
Lanesborough	St. Luke's						
Leicester	Christ			17 00	3 50	7 80	28 30
Lenox	Trinity					15 00	15 00
Lowell	St. Anne's			200 00	320 00	192 25	712 25
Lynn	Christ		25 00	10 00	5 00		40 00
Marblehead	St. Michael's			20 00	3 81		23 81
Marshfield	Trinity						
Nantucket	Trinity					6 21	6 21
New Bedford	Grace			50 00	50 00		100 00
Newburyport	St. Paul's		132 00	103 00	35 00	78 00	348 00
Newton	St. Mary's			50 00	50 00	50 00	150 00
Northampton	St. John's						
Otis	St. Paul's					25 00	25 00
Pittsfield	St. Stephen's	152 30	42 57	75 00	75 00	50 00	394 87
Quincy	Christ				12 00	5 00	17 00
Roxbury	St. James's	2 00		75 00			77 00
Salem	St. Peter's				17 02	55 12	72 14
Springfield	Christ			10 00	20 00	20 00	50 00
Stockbridge	St. Paul's					5 00	5 00
Sutton	St. John's			40 00	15 00	5 69	60 69
Taunton	St. Thomas's			25 00	25 00	75 00	125 00
Episcopal Clerical Convocation		341 67	1,193 66	†367 50			1,902 83
Mass. Episcopal Missionary Soc'y		‡89					89
		870 61	1,908 80	3,250 86	2,275 86	2,284 91	10,591 04

* General collections, &c.

† Transferred its financial operations to this Board.

‡ Transferred its operations to this Board.

Dr. Board of Missions of the Prot. Episcopal Church of Mass.

1840.			
July 25.	To certificate in favor	Rev. Nathaniel T. Bent	$150 00
Aug. 13.	" "	Rev. Nicholas Hoppin	84 00
Sept. 12.	" "	Rev. Nathaniel T. Bent	100 00
Nov. 2.	" "	Rev. Francis A. Foxcroft	10 00
" 14.	" "	Rev. Nathaniel T. Bent	100 00
" 23.	Travelling expenses	Rev. Theodore Edson, Agent of the Board	31 25
" 27.	Certificate in favor	Rev. Nathaniel T. Bent	150 00
" "	" "	Rev. Henry W. Lee	66 67
Dec. 1.	Wm. A. Hall & Co.'s bill printing in May last		2 00
" 3.	Certificate in favor	Rev. Wm. Withington	37 50
" 8.	" "	Rev. George M. Randall	62 50
" "	" "	Rev. Henry W. Lee	62 50
" "	" "	Rev. Frederick A. Wadleigh	50 00
" 10.	" "	Rev. Henry H. Bates	75 00
" "	" "	Rev. Frederick A. Wadleigh	75 00
1841.			
Jan. 2.	" "	Rev. George Waters	25 00
" 15.	" "	Rev. Samuel Fuller, Jr.	20 00
" 20.	" "	Rev. Nathaniel T. Bent	250 00
" 26.	" "	Joseph C. Brigham, Treas. Christ Church, Clappville	75 00
Feb. 2.	" "	Rev. Wm. Withington	37 50
" 3.	" "	Rev. Edward J. Stearns	66 66
" 6.	" "	Rev. Ethan Allen	50 00
Mar. 15.	" "	Rev. Henry Blackaller	100 00
Apr. 7.	" "	Rev. Nathaniel T. Bent	187 50
" 24.	" "	Rev. George Waters	25 00
May 12.	" "	Rev. Henry W. Lee	62 50
" 17.	" "	Rev. Edward Livermore	30 00
" 21.	" "	Rev. George M. Randall	62 50
" "	" "	Rev. Henry H. Bates	37 50
June 7.	" "	Rev. Nicholas Hoppin	20 00
" 9.	" "	Rev. Jacob Pearson	33 34
" "	" "	Rev. Henry H. Bates	37 50
" "	" "	Rev. Frederick A. Wadleigh	50 00
" "	" "	Rev. Ethan Allen	25 00
" "	" "	Rev. Silas Blaisdale	25 00
" "	" "	Rev. George Waters	33 33
" "	James B. Dow's bill printing and paper		4 50
	Balance		25 86
			$2,340 11

The above account has been examined, and found correct.

EDWARD S. RAND. *Committee.*

in Account with Benjamin P. Richardson, Treasurer. Cr.

1840.		By balance from last account,	$55 20
July	21.	Parochial and Missionary Association of Grace Church, Boston, by Benjamin Howard, Treasurer,	100 00
"	31.	Missionary Association Trinity Church, Boston, by the Treasurer,	84 00
Aug.	13.	St. Paul's Church, Newburyport, by Rev. James Morss, D. D.	13 00
Sept.	12.	Ladies St. Thomas's Church, Taunton, by Rev. Edmund Neville,	50 00
Oct.	6.	Christ Church, Quincy, by Rev. Calvin Wolcott,	5 00
"	"	Trinity Church, Nantucket, by Rev. Theodore Edson,	6 21
"	10.	St. Paul's Church, Newburyport, by Rev. James Morss, D. D.	10 00
"	"	St. Peter's Church, Salem, by Rev. George Leeds,	33 00
Nov.	20.	Ladies' Sewing Circle, Trinity Church, Lenox, by Rev. George Waters,	8 00
"	23.	Parochial and Missionary Association, Grace Church, Boston, by Benjamin Howard, Treasurer,	100 00
"	"	St. James's Church, Greenfield, by Rev. Titus Strong, D. D.	10 00
"	"	St. Anne's Church, Lowell, by Rev. Theodore Edson,	131 25
"	24.	Christ Church, Springfield, by Rev. Henry W. Lee,	12 00
Dec.	1.	Missionary Association, Trinity Church, Boston, by the Treasurer,	125 00
"	"	Ladies' Auxiliary Missionary Society, St. Anne's Church, Lowell, by Rev. Theodore Edson,	61 00
"	8.	First quarterly contribution Sunday School United States apprentice boys on Boston station, by F. W. Moores, Superintendent,	5 70
"	10.	St. Paul's Church, Newburyport, by Rev. James Morss, D. D.	10 00
"	"	Missionary Station, Ipswich, by Rev. F. A. Wadleigh,	5 00
"	14.	A member of St. Paul's Church, Boston,	20 00
1841.			
Jan.	2.	Simon Greenleaf,	20 00
"	5.	St. Paul's Church, Newburyport, by Rev. James Morss, D. D.	20 00
"	18.	Missionary Association, St. Paul's Church, Boston, by Charles H. Parker, Treasurer,	300 00
"	"	St. Paul's Church, Boston, by Messrs. Ferdinand E. White, E. S. Rand, and Robert Appleton, committee, through Chs. H. Parker, Treasurer,	300 00
Feb.	1.	Ephraim Sprague, Bridgewater, "being the tithe of an onion bed for 1840,"	3 00
"	"	Mrs. Ephraim Sprague, "being avails of a labor of love in old age,"	50
"	3.	St. Paul's Church, Stockbridge, by Rev. Samuel P. Parker,	5 00
"	"	Trinity Church, Van Deusenville, " "	9 00
"	4.	Ladies' Sewing Circle, Trinity Church, Bridgewater, by John Edson,	80 00
"	"	Monthly collections, " " "	20 00
Mar.	3.	Ladies' Sewing Circle, Trinity Church, Lenox, by Rev. George Waters,	7 00
April	19.	Christ Church, Springfield, by Rev. H. W. Lee,	8 00
"	"	Church of the Ascension, Fall River, by Rev. George M. Randall,	11 00
"	26.	St. Peter's Church, Salem, by Rev. Charles Mason,	22 12
"	27.	Missionary Association, Trinity Church, Boston, by the Treasurer,	90 00
May	8.	Sewing Circle and Missionary subscription, St. Mary's Church, Newton Lower Falls, by Rev. A. L. Baury,	30 00
"	17.	St. John's Church, Wilkinsonville, by Rev. Wm. Withington,	5 69
"	27.	St. Stephen's Church, Pittsfield, by Jonathan Allen, 2d, Treasurer,	50 00
"	31.	Sewing Circle and Missionary subscription, St. Mary's Church, Newton Lower Falls, by Rev. A. L. Baury,	20 00
June	2.	Missionary Association, Grace Church, Boston, by B. Howard, Treasurer,	125 00
"	3.	St. Mark's Church, Blandford, by Rev. H. H. Bates,	2 00
"	"	Contributions Monthly missionary meetings, Boston Episcopal City Mission, by Rev. Samuel M'Burney,	5 00
"	5.	St. John's Church, Charlestown, by John Curtis, Jr. Treasurer,	20 00
"	7.	Ladies' Missionary Society, Christ Church, Cambridge, by Rev. Nicholas Hoppin,	14 00
"	8.	Missionary Association Trinity Church, Boston, by the Treasurer,	100 00
"	"	Members of Trinity Church, Boston,	65 00
"	"	St. Thomas's Church, Taunton, by Rev. Edmund Neville,	25 00
"	"	Charles Stimpson, balance Prayer Book account,	16 64
"	9.	Christ Church, Clappville, by Rev. Wm. Withington,	7 80
"	"	Mrs. Louisa Pickett, Treasurer Ladies' Sewing Society, St. Paul's Church, Otis, by Hon. Lester Filley,	25 00
"	"	Christ Church, Boston, by Rev. John Woart,	25 00
"	"	St. Paul's Church, Newburyport, by Rev. James Morss,	25 00
"	"	Church of the Ascension, Fall River, by Rev. George M. Randall,	14 00
"	"	St. Paul's Church, Dedham, by Rev. Samuel B. Babcock,	25 00
			$2,340 11

Boston, June 9, 1841.

Errors excepted.

BENJ. P. RICHARDSON, *Treasurer.*

On motion,

Resolved, That the papers upon the table relating to the organization of a parish at Van Deusenville be referred to a Committee, to consist of two members.

Whereupon the Rev. Mr. Clark and Edward A. Newton, Esq. were appointed to compose this Committee.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Report of the Board of Missions, with the Treasurer's account, be accepted, and that the Convention now proceed to the election of a Board of Missions for the ensuing year.

The Rev. Mr. Lee was then appointed a Committee to collect and count the ballots.

On motion,

Resolved, That a Committee of three be appointed on the subject of the travelling expenses of such clergymen as desire to have the same defrayed from the contingent fund.

Whereupon the Rev. Mr. Clark, the Rev. Dr. Morss, and the Rev. Mr. Edson were appointed to compose this Committee.

The Committee to whom was referred the papers relating to the organization of a church at Van Deusenville, reported the same to be in conformity with the requisition of the fourth article of the Constitution.

Whereupon, on motion,

Resolved, That Trinity Church, Van Deusenville, be received into union with the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church of Massachusetts.

The Committee appointed to collect and count the votes for the Board of Missions reported that the Convention had chosen the Rev. Messrs. Edson, Baury, M'Burney, Mason, and Dr. Morss, of the clergy; and the Hon. James C. Merrill, Edward A. Newton, and Benjamin Howard, Esqs. of the laity.

Whereupon the following gentlemen were declared duly elected:

Board of Missions.

CLERGY.	LAITY.
Rev. Theodore Edson,	Hon. James C. Merrill,
Rev. Alfred L. Baury,	Edward A. Newton, Esq.
Rev. Samuel M'Burney,	Benjamin Howard, Esq.
Rev. Charles Mason,	
Rev. James Morss, D. D.	

The proposed alteration of the second article of the Constitution of the Church in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts was called up for consideration, and,

On motion,

Resolved, That the same be so altered that the word "*second*" be substituted for the word "third," in the second line of said article.

On motion,

Resolved, That a Committee of three be appointed to nominate the preachers for the next annual Convention, and the time and place for holding the same, and also to nominate a Treasurer of the Convention for the ensuing year.

Whereupon the Rev. Mr. Mason, the Rev. Dr. Strong, and the Rev. Mr. Ballard were appointed to compose this Committee.

The Bishop then called upon the Convention to prepare their votes for the Standing Committee, and appointed the Rev. Mr. Lee to collect the ballots; who, having attended to that duty, reported that the Convention had made choice of the Rev. Messrs. Watson, Clark, and Edson, of the clergy, and Messrs. Sohier, Howard, and Farley, of the laity.

Whereupon the following gentlemen were declared duly elected:

Standing Committee.

CLERGY.	LAITY.
Rev. John L. Watson,	William D. Sohier, Esq.
Rev. Thomas M. Clark,	Benjamin Howard, Esq.
Rev. Theodore Edson.	Robert Farley, Esq.

The Committee on the subject of the travelling expenses of such clergymen as desire to have the same defrayed from the contingent fund, recommend the following appropriations:

Rev. Mr. Pearson,	$5 00
Rev. Mr. Blaisdale,	9 00
Rev. Dr. Strong,	4 00
Rev. Mr. Withington,	2 50
Rev. Mr. M'Burney,	6 00
Rev. Mr. Blackaller,	6 00
Rev. Mr. Fuller,	8 00
Rev. Mr. Randall,	10 00
	$50 50

THOMAS M. CLARK,
JAMES MORSS,
THEODORE EDSON, } *Committee.*

This report was accepted.

The Committee on the subject of the place, &c. for the next annual Convention to assemble, report in favor of the second Wednesday of June, at 9 o'clock, A. M. in Trinity Church, Boston. The Rev. Samuel Fuller, Jr. to preach the Convention sermon. The Rev. Henry W. Lee as his substitute. The Rev. Isaac Boyle, D. D. to be Treasurer of the Convention for the ensuing year.

This report was accepted, and the Committee discharged.

The Bishop called upon the Convention to prepare their votes for delegates to the General Convention, and appointed Rev. Mr. Ballard to collect and count the ballots.

The Report of the Committee on Rules of Order being called up, on motion,

Resolved, That the Convention take a recess of fifteen minutes.

After which the Bishop took the chair, and the Convention came to order.

The Rev. Mr. Ballard being the Committee appointed to collect and count the votes for delegates to the General Convention, reported the whole number of ballots to be twenty-six; necessary to a choice, fourteen; and that the following gentlemen had that number. The Rev. Drs. Strong and Morss, the Rev. Messrs. Watson and Clark, of the clergy, Messrs. Edward A. Newton, William Appleton, Edward H. Robbins, and Samuel L. Crocker, of the laity.

Whereupon the following gentlemen were declared duly elected:

Delegates to the General Convention.

CLERGY.	LAITY.
Rev. Titus Strong, D. D.	Edward A. Newton, Esq.
Rev. James Morss, D. D.	William Appleton, Esq.
Rev. John L. Watson,	Edward H. Robbins, Esq.
Rev. Thomas M. Clark.	Samuel L. Crocker, Esq.

The Report of the Committee on Rules of Order was taken up for consideration, and, after several amendments, the same was read and adopted as follows:

Rules of Order.

RULE I. The opening of every Convention shall be preceded by the morning service of the Church, a sermon, and the administration of the holy communion. Daily morning prayer shall be used during the sittings of the Convention; and, at the close of every day's session, appropriate collects from the Book of Common Prayer shall be read, and the benediction pronounced by the President.

RULE II. At the opening of the Convention, when the President has taken the chair, the Secretary of the preceding Convention shall call the names of the clergy entitled to seats, and enter on the minutes the names of those present. He shall then call the names of the parishes entitled to representation; and the lay delegates shall place their certificates on the Secretary's table, when the churches which they represent are called. This

being done, the President shall declare that the Convention is ready to proceed to business.

RULE III. The business of the Convention shall proceed in the following order, namely:

1. The election of a Secretary, who shall have power to appoint an assistant.

2. The appointment of the following committees:

A committee of examination, to consist of two clergymen and one layman; to whom shall be referred all matters relative to the right of membership, the certificates of lay delegates, the incorporation of churches, and their admission into union with the Convention:

A committee of finance, to consist of one clergyman and two laymen; to whom shall be referred the Treasurer's report, the appropriation of the contingent expenses of the Convention, and all matters of a financial nature not specifically referred to any other committee:

An executive committee, to consist of three clergymen; to whom shall be referred the nomination of the preachers, place, and time, for the next annual meeting of the Convention, and all matters relative to any arrangements which it may be necessary to make on such occasions.

3. The annual communication of the *Standing Committee* of the Diocese.

4. The annual report of the *Treasurer* of the Convention.

5. The annual report of the *Board of Missions* of the Diocese.

6. The annual report of the Trustees of the Society for the relief of the Widows and Orphans of deceased Clergymen of the Protestant Episcopal Church.

7. The reports of committees appointed at the preceding Convention, in the order in which they were appointed.

8. The election, by ballot, of the Standing Committee of the Diocese for the ensuing year.

9. The election, by ballot, of a Treasurer for the ensuing year.

10. The election, by ballot, of a Board of Missions for the ensuing year.

11. The election, by ballot, of the constitutional number of delegates to the General Convention.

12. Reports of committees appointed by the Convention in session, in the order in which they were appointed.

13. Calling on each delegation, by the Secretary of the Convention, to pay the amounts assessed on their respective parishes for the fund for contingent expenses, &c.

14. Miscellaneous business, Parochial Reports, &c.

RULE IV. An address or communication from the Bishop shall be in order at any time.

RULE V. When the President takes the chair, no member shall continue standing, or shall afterwards stand up, except to address the chair.

No member shall absent himself from the house, unless he have leave, or be unable to attend.

When any member is about to speak, or deliver any matter to the house, he shall, with due respect, address himself to the President, confining himself strictly to the point in debate.

No member shall speak more than twice in the same debate, without leave of the house; nor more than once, until others desiring to speak shall have spoken.

While the President is putting any question, the members shall continue in their seats, and shall not hold any private discourse.

Every member, who shall be in the house when any question is put, shall vote, unless he be personally interested in the question, or shall be excused by the Convention for reasons assigned.

RULE VI. No motion shall be considered as before the Convention unless seconded by a member not belonging to the same parish with the mover; and every motion, when required by any member, shall be reduced to writing.

RULE VII. When the report of a committee is presented, it shall be read and entered on the minutes, unless otherwise determined by the house; and, if accompanied by resolutions, the question shall be on adopting them.

RULE VIII. When a question is before the Convention, it shall be in order,—

1. To lay on the table;
2. To postpone to a day certain;
3. To commit;
4. To amend;

5. To postpone indefinitely;

and a motion for any one of these proceedings may be considered having precedence in the order in which they are here named; and a question on any of these proceedings shall be decided before the original motion.

RULE IX. Any member may call for the division of a question, when the sense will admit of it.

RULE X. The question of adjournment shall always be in order; and that, together with the motion to lay on the table, shall be decided without debate.

RULE XI. The votes by orders may be called, whenever desired by any member of the Convention; and, when called, shall be entered on the minutes.

RULE XII. On all questions of order, the President shall decide, subject to an appeal to the house.

RULE XIII. A question, being decided, shall not be reconsidered during the same session, without the consent of two thirds of the members present, nor unless the motion to reconsider be made and seconded by members who voted in the majority on the original decision.

RULE XIV. Clergymen belonging to the Diocese, but not entitled to seats in the Convention, clergymen of the Protestant Episcopal Church not belonging to the Diocese, professors and students of theological seminaries of the Protestant Episcopal Church, and candidates for Holy Orders in the same, shall be admitted to the sittings of the Convention, but without the right of taking any part in its proceedings.

On motion,

Resolved, That it be the duty of the Standing Committee, on or before the second of August next, to supply any vacancy that may occur in the delegation to the General Convention, to assemble in the city of New York, on the second Wednesday in October next.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Convention proceed to appoint Trustees to the General Theological Seminary for Massachusetts, when the following gentlemen were declared duly nominated:

Rev. Theodore Edson,	Rev. Charles Mason,
Rev. Edward Ballard,	Rev. Samuel Fuller, Jr.
Rev. Alfred L. Baury,	Edward A. Newton, Esq.
Rev. John L. Watson,	Lester Filley, Esq.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Convention now adjourn, to reassemble immediately after divine service this evening.

Christ Church, Wednesday evening, June 9.

Convention assembled pursuant to adjournment.

The Rt. Rev. Dr. Griswold took the chair at 9 o'clock. The roll was called by the Secretary, and the Convention declared by the Bishop open for business.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Secretary and Treasurer be a Committee to publish the Journal, and that they cause seven hundred copies to be printed.

The reading of Parochial Reports, which had been commenced during the afternoon session, was resumed, and are here inserted, in pursuance of Canon VII. Section 1, of the General Convention.

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

Suffolk County.

Christ Church, Boston.

The present Rector entered upon the discharge of his duties the first Sunday in Advent, 1840. He was instituted by the Bishop the Sunday previous. The practice of catechizing the

children openly in the church was commenced the first Sunday afternoon in May, and will be continued monthly. Confirmation is to be administered the first Sunday after Trinity. The number of communicants is taken from the report of last year.

Baptisms: adults, 1; children and infants, 17. Marriages, 11. Burials, 12. Communicants, about 175.

JOHN WOART, *Rector.*

Trinity Church, Boston.

Baptisms, 31. Marriages, 7. Burials, 18. Communicants: added, 48; died, or removed, 7; present number, about 350. Sunday school, 1: scholars and teachers, 150. Contributions for missionary objects, from the Ladies' Missionary Association, about $500. For other religious and charitable purposes, $3680. Whole amount, $4180.

JOHN L. WATSON, *Assistant Minister on the Greene Foundation, Trinity Church.*

St. Matthew's Church, South Boston.

Baptisms: infants, 22; adults, 2. Communicants: added, 17; died, or removed, 14; present number, 54. Confirmed, 5. Marriages, 4. Burials, 12. Sunday school scholars, 70. Missionary contributions: General Board, $36; Massachusetts Board, $6. Charitable and benevolent purposes, $51.

No material change has taken place in the state of this parish since the last report. The church has been opened twice for divine service every Sunday during the year, and once on Thanksgiving day, Christmas eve, Christmas day, Ash-Wednesday, the State Fast, Good Friday, and the National Fast. The attendance upon these services has generally been very good, and there is reason to hope that the labor which has been bestowed, small and much interrupted as it has necessarily been, has not been altogether in vain.

JOS. H. CLINCH, *Rector.*

St. Paul's Church, Boston.

The religious condition of this parish, during the past year, has been more than usually flourishing. The numbers of those

baptized, confirmed, and admitted to the communion, have been larger than usual; and the feeling of interest with which all the services have been attended, especially those of a large Bible class for ladies, and the general turning of the mind of the parish towards diviner things, accompanied, as the whole has been, by a sweet spirit of harmony and union, cannot but be regarded as specially indicative of religious growth and ripening. May this prove a happy presage of permanent prosperity in all that constitutes the true character of Christ's chosen people.

Called, as the subscriber has been, by what he regards as the voice of God's providence, to remove from the place in which, for the last nine years, he has been laboring, he feels constrained to bear public testimony to the high worth of the people whom he leaves, and to invoke on them, from the divine Head of the church, the constant presence and guidance of that Sacred Spirit under whose fostering influences they have thus far been led along the way of Christian truth and of Christian duty.

The annexed table embraces, he believes, the required statistics of the parish during the past year, namely:

Communicants: died, 4; removed, 16; added, 33; present number, about 270. Baptisms: adults, 4; infants, 19; total, 23. Confirmed, 28. Marriages, 3. Deaths, 6. Sunday school: teachers, 26; pupils, 120. Bible class, 80. Benevolent contributions: General objects of religious charity, $2041 18. Missionary: General Missionary Board, $383 95; Massachusetts Board, $600; City Mission, $300; Easter collection, $123; other Missions, $259 25; total, $3707 38.

JOHN S. STONE, *Late Rector.*

Grace Church, Boston.

Baptisms: infants, 28; adults, 11; total, 39. Communicants: added, 57; died, or removed, 18; present number, 311. Confirmed, 27. Marriages, 16. Burials, 13. Sunday school: scholars, 150; teachers, 37. Missionary contributions: General Board, $234; Massachusetts Board, $325. Other contributions for religious purposes: City Mission, $200; Education of young men for the ministry, $250; aid in erection of new churches, $188; Tract Society, $50; Jews, $25; Sunday school, $25.

From $3000 to $4000 have been expended during the year in embellishing and putting in proper order the church edifice, and in the purchase of land adjoining the church.

There are at present connected with the parish 146 families, beside 178 individuals, having single seats. The routine of services has been the same as in preceding years, and the condition of the parish may be inferred from the abstract herewith submitted to the Convention. It is proper to state that all the money contributed to the General Board of Missions has come from the collections made, on every Sunday morning, in the Sunday school.

THOMAS M. CLARK, *Rector.*

Free Church of the Episcopal City Mission Society, Boston.

Baptisms: adult, 1; infants, 25. Confirmed, 7. Marriages, 14. Burials, 14. Communicants: added, 12; died, or removed, 6; present number, 74. Sunday school: scholars, 130. Missionary contributions: General Board, $10; Massachusetts Board, $5. Other contributions for religious purposes, $92 62; (the Episcopal Fund, $7 25; Sunday school library, $9 37; by Sunday school scholars for clothing poorer children, $6; cushions, carpet, and trimmings for chancel and desk of the chapel, $30; alms at the communion, $40;) beside which, $75 from sources out of the congregation have been distributed in charity.

The usual course of services and duty heretofore reported has been pursued the past year. Three regular services on Sunday, and weekly meetings, are held. The religious seasons of the church, as far as the circumstances of the congregation and of the place in which we worship permit, are observed. The congregation has undergone fewer changes the past than in any previous year of the Missionary's labor, and has never been statedly so large, or regular in attendance. There is a decidedly increased interest in the services. Nothing more promising can perhaps be said of the erection of a suitable chapel for the Mission than this, that the need of it is understood, and that there is a general interest in the subject. The blessing of God in the amount of good done is believed to be fully proportionate to the instrumentality and means employed. When better and more

are applied in greater faithfulness, we may, with dependence on Him whose alone it is to give the increase, look for greater things.

SAMUEL McBURNEY, *Minister.*

Essex County.

St. Peter's Church, Salem.

Baptisms: infants, 12; adults, 4. Communicants: added, 20; died, or removed, 9; present number, 115. Confirmed, 23. Marriages, 4. Burials, 9. Sunday school: scholars, 100; teachers, 16. Missionary contributions: General Board, $267 50; Massachusetts Board, $55. Contributions for other religious purposes, such as the support of the Episcopate, of the Sunday school, of the Orphan Asylum, and of destitute churches making direct application, $256.

After an absence of ten months, for the recovery of his health, the Rector of this church resumed his duties on the first Sunday of October, 1840. Through the blessing of God upon the faithful labor of his substitute, the Rev. Mr. Leeds, the parish enjoyed uninterrupted prosperity during his absence, and the Rector feels happy in being able to report that this has continued since his return, and that the church is now in every respect in a flourishing condition.

CHARLES MASON, *Rector.*

St. Michael's Church, Marblehead.

Baptisms: infants, 2; adult, 1; total, 3. Communicants: added, 2; died, 1; present number, 102. Confirmed, 5. Marriages, 1. Burials, 6. Missionary contributions, amount not known, though it is believed there has been an increase since last year. Episcopal Fund, $13 25.

The Rector entered upon the duties of the Parish of St. Michael's November 1, 1840. The number of communicants at that time, so far as an accurate estimate could be made, was one hundred. While nothing of a special nature has occurred, there is reason to believe that there has been a gradual increase of

interest in the spiritual concerns of the Parish, together with a steady increase upon the services of the sanctuary. While a much smaller number is reported as added to the communion than on former years, there is reason to believe that the blessing of the Divine Head of the church continues to rest upon this portion of his vineyard.

JOHN P. ROBINSON, *Rector.*

St. James's Church, Amesbury.

This church, having been closed through the past winter, was reopened for public worship on the first Sunday of April.

The number of communicants reported in the last Convention was 30. Since the reopening of the church, the greatest number present at any one time has been 17. Baptism has been administered to 1 infant.

A Sunday school has been organized, including 35 children, 10 adults, and 9 teachers.

A monthly meeting for communicating missionary intelligence has been commenced. $5 were raised at the Easter collection, and transmitted to the Bishop, and $3 have been forwarded to the Treasurer of the Committee for Domestic Missions.

The building of a new church, contemplated the last year, was abandoned in consequence of the resignation of the late Rector, the Rev. C. C. Taylor.

The following statement is deemed necessary for illustrating the present condition of the church in Amesbury. It was ascertained early in the winter that the church was incumbered with a debt of $728 50. Three members of the parish, to prevent the church from being sold at auction, assumed this debt, took a deed of the church, its fixtures, and the lot of land on which it stands, giving a bond, in which they engage to transfer this property to the Bishop of the Diocese as soon as they are released from their liabilities. Of this debt, $350 have since been paid. The Salisbury Manufacturing Company contributed for this object $250. Amos Lawrence, Esq. of Boston, $50, and the Rev. Dr. Morss, of Newburyport, $50, leaving a balance of $378 50 still due.

When this sum can be raised, the church, its fixtures, including the organ, which cost $300, and the land, which cost $250, will

be transferred by deed of trust to the Bishop of the Diocese, to be held by him for the use of the members of the Protestant Episcopal Church in Amesbury, as a house of public worship. Whenever this shall be accomplished, the proprietors of the church (with only one exception) engage to relinquish their shares, which cost in all $658, and to transfer all their right and title to the Bishop for the above specified object.

The church contains 26 pews. Each pew will seat five adult persons, making 130 seats, all of which are very nearly occupied. The income arising from the rent of the pews, at the usual rates, amounts to $186 80.

The members of the parish are all in moderate circumstances, and live on small means. Most of them are operatives in the factories. The limited compensation they receive for their labor, and the customs of the place, require them to expend their earnings with a frugal and sparing hand.

The village contains about 2500 inhabitants. The Congregational and Baptist societies have each a commodious house of public worship; and, were the Episcopalians provided with a *larger* church, their congregation would doubtless correspond with its dimensions.

SILAS BLAISDALE, *Rector*.

Christ Church, Andover.

Baptisms: infants, 14. Communicants: added, 10; died, 1; removed, 4; present number, 60. Confirmed, 10. Burials, 5. Sunday school: scholars, 90; teachers, 12.

This parish has, during the last conventional year, experienced a measure of the vicissitudes to which all earthly things are liable. It has suffered from the removal of some families, and from the death and removal of some individuals. There have been however, a few additions, both of individuals and families, so that the number of the congregation has not diminished. The members, who have been by a merciful Providence preserved to us, have made great exertions to sustain the worship of the Church, as well as to relieve themselves of some pecuniary embarrassments, occasioned in part by circumstances which were unforeseen and perhaps unavoidable. The Ladies Sewing Society has, by the avails of its own labor, paid into the parish treasury

the sum of $265, and a subscription is now being circulated in the congregation which promises to remove from the society a burden not only oppressive, but detrimental to its growth and prosperity. The unusual efforts the parish has been obliged to make in its own behalf must be regarded as one reason why it has the last year done so little for the general objects of Christian benevolence. Its Minister most earnestly hopes that in future years the beloved people of his charge will not be compelled to "seek" so exclusively "their own things." In the midst of these outward discouragements, "the word of God" has not been altogether "bound." A serious spirit has prevailed to some extent, the communion has steadily increased, and there has evidently been a degree of spiritual improvement. When the Bishop unexpectedly visited us for the purpose of administering confirmation, it was gratifying to find that the Lord of the harvest had by his Spirit prepared the hearts of so many heads of families publicly to profess his name.

The Sunday school is as large as it was a year since; but it could be very considerably increased, and it would be much more efficient and flourishing, did the communicants especially, and the congregation generally, manifest deeper and more habitual interest in its welfare. In reference not only to the Sunday school, but in reference to many other objects, this truth is not yet sufficiently appreciated by us, that *in seeking to promote the spiritual welfare of others, we best secure and advance our own.* The system adopted in the school is, to study the Catechism, from the end of the Epiphany season to Passion Week, and to devote the remainder of the year to the study of the Bible. The plan, so far as it has been carried out, is found to save from neglect the form of sound words contained in the Catechism, and at the same time to make the word of God, perverted or adulterated by no human admixtures, the foundation of all instruction. During the largest part of the year a meeting for the examination of the Sunday school lesson has on Saturday evenings been held at the house of the Rector, and with manifest advantage.

For the last four months, a lecture on the morning lesson from the Old Testament for the following Sunday has been given on Sunday evenings in the basement room. The attendance on

this lecture, which is designed to be expository and practical, has been hitherto large and encouraging. The missionary lecture, on the first Sunday evening of every month, mentioned in the last report, has been delivered, whenever it was practicable.

To these means of grace, as well as to the usual Sunday services, the instruments appointed by God for the salvation of the souls of men, may he largely give "the increase," and sanctify this people wholly to his name!

SAMUEL FULLER, JR. *Rector.*

St. Paul's Church, Newburyport.

Baptisms: infants, 17. Marriages, 7. Communicants: added, 7; died, or removed, 8; whole number, 100. Confirmations, 6. Burials, 10. Sunday school: scholars, 60. Missionary contributions: General Board, $30; Massachusetts Board, $113 11. Other contributions: Christmas, $32 60; Howard Benevolent Society, $15; expenses of Convention, $10; Bishop's Fund, $10; subscription for relief of church at Amesbury, $50; total, $117 60.

The number of families the same as given in the last report; the numbers added being about the same as those removed.

JAMES MORSS, *Rector.*

Christ Church, Ipswich.

Baptisms: infant, 1. Confirmed, 3. Communicants, 7. Sunday school: scholars, 25. Contributed to the Massachusetts Board of Missions, $5.

From the time of the last Convention, the prospects of the church in Ipswich appeared to be encouraging. Our congregation continued to be respectable, and the services of the Church were apparently rising in the estimation of the community.

Circumstances appearing both to warrant and to demand a more complete organization of the Church, application was made by me to the Bishop for Priests' orders; and, on the 25th of September last, I was admitted by him to the sacred order, and the holy communion was administered to nearly thirty individuals, most of whom, however, were communicants from other denominations.

But, by the providence of God, an unfavorable change was to take place in our prospects. Owing to causes unnecessary now to be mentioned, the few active men of our society became divided in feeling, and consequently discouraged. Yielding therefore to the force of unavoidable circumstances, the station was abandoned on the last week in November, since which time the services of the Church, with the exception of lay reading for the first two months, have been suspended.

Having fulfilled a temporary engagement in the Diocese of Rhode Island, I revisited Ipswich, and discovered that a considerable degree of attachment to the services of the Church still remained.

The Sunday school, now numbering twenty scholars, has been continued through the winter, and a very strong desire was manifested by several families that the services of the Church should be resumed among them. The pecuniary embarrassments of the Board of Missions, however, prevented me from affording them any encouragement.

F. Augustus Wadleigh.

Middlesex County.

Christ Church, Cambridge.

Baptisms: infants, 11. Communicants: added, 19; died, or removed, 15; present number, 44. Confirmed, 10. Marriages, 1. Burials, 4. Sunday scholars, 12. Contributions: Massachusetts Board, $14; Bishop's Fund, $22 56; offerings at the holy communion, $40 78; Ladies' Sewing Circle, $46 58.

This abstract shows a large proportion of deaths or removals on the list of communicants. This has also been the case with the congregation at large during the past year. It has suffered much from the loss of valuable members in these ways. Their places, however, have been supplied by the addition of others; so that the congregation has been upon the whole a little on the increase. There has also been, it is believed, a greater degree of seriousness among the worshippers; and a disposition is manifested to make exertions and sacrifices to continue the services of the Church, and to secure and promote their usefulness. A

small advance has been made upon the rents of the pews, and cheerfully assented to, in order to increase the income of the church. N. HOPPIN, *Minister.*

St. Anne's Church, Lowell.

Baptisms: infants, 39; adults, 16; total, 55. Communicants: added, 44; died, or removed, 16; present number, 262. Confirmed, 64. Marriages, 7. Burials, 25. Sunday school, 577. Missionary contributions: General Board, $100; Massachusetts Board, $230. Other contributions, $274.

The interests of this congregation have sadly suffered in years past for want of more extensive accommodations. Soon after the last Convention, a hall in a central situation, capable of holding about two hundred people, was fitted up with every convenience for the decent and comfortable exercise of divine worship, and the valuable services of the Rev. A. D. McCoy were obtained. The enterprise was undertaken and conducted as a part of St. Anne's Church, at an expense of about fifteen hundred dollars, with a view to be guided by the degree of success with which divine Providence might favor it, whether to organize a separate parish or not. Our hopes in regard to the means of building a church not having been realized, the result is still doubtful; though there is every reason to believe that a suitable building, if it could be obtained, would be readily filled with worshippers.

Although, through the operation of general causes, there has been, it is believed, less attention to religion in the community the past year than usual, yet we have reason to be thankful that the means of grace have been blessed to the conversion of some. Our Sunday schools still flourish, and our excellent superintendents persevere in their pious labors. The season of Lent was especially precious to us, and the services were better attended than they have been in any previous year. With the very prompt and valuable assistance of Br. McCoy, we were enabled to hold an early morning prayer-meeting every day in Lent, which was well attended, three public services a week in church, and every evening during Passion Week. Other social religious meetings have been frequent and well sustained. Catechising has been attended to privately, and from house to house, socially by appointment in the Sunday school house, and more publicly

in the church on Sunday, instead of the sermon. The regular service in church hours is kept up by Mr. Cook, superintendent of the First Sunday School, for the benefit of those children and others belonging to the schools who are not provided for in church. There is an attendance of nearly a hundred, by whom the service is regularly performed, with singing and such religious reading as may be interesting and profitable to them. The ladies have recently reorganized a Sewing Circle, from which we hope for increasing zeal and benefit to the missionary cause. That God may add to all his other blessings this, "that we may not forget to be thankful," and may crown the whole with the precious effusions of his Holy Spirit, we humbly pray.

THEODORE EDSON, *Rector.*

St. Mary's Church, Newton Lower Falls.

Baptisms, 29: infants, 28; adult, 1. Communicants, 125: added, 3; died, or removed, 5. Marriages, 2. Burials, 14. Sunday school: scholars, 150. Missionary contributions: General Board, $27; Massachusetts Board, $50. Other contributions for religious and benevolent purposes: Sunday School Society, $27; Temperance Society, $16; Sewing Circle, $30; Episcopal Fund, $27; total, $171. A considerable amount of funds also has been raised for extra domestic purposes, here omitted, not being supposed to come strictly within the object of this report.

Through the divine blessing the members of this parish continue, as in years past, united, and constant in their attendance upon the public services of the church. Its spiritual state, however, is less encouraging than at some former periods; yet we are not left without witness that our labors have not been in vain in the Lord.

The teachers and scholars of our Sunday school are uniform in attending to their respective duties, and we trust interested and successful in the important work in which they are engaged.

Every Friday afternoon during the season of Lent, such children as attended in the lecture-room for that purpose were examined or instructed in the Church Catechism.

Confirmation was here administered on the Sunday preceding the last annual Convention; since which time the subject of this important rite of our holy religion has not been especially

brought before the minds of the assembled congregation: when this shall again be done, it is believed there are those among us who will be found ready and desirous of joining themselves to the Lord in a perpetual covenant never to be forgotten.

ALFRED L. BAURY, *Rector.*

St. John's Church, Charlestown.

The society are unable to present a formal report, our clergyman having recently resigned his charge of the parish, and the records being in his possession.

St. John's Church is very flourishing, and we have a very respectable congregation in numbers. There are from 30 to 40 communicants, and a Sunday school, with about 65 scholars. Contributions for various purposes have been collected during the past year, exclusive of the salary of the Missionary, amounting to about $300. We are now building a church edifice, which will probably be completed early in September next.

STEPHEN WHITMORE, JR. }
J. CURTIS, JR. } *Delegates.*

Norfolk County.

Christ Church, Quincy.

Number of worshippers, about 200. Communicants, 46. Confirmations, 2. Baptisms: infants, 4. Burials, 6. Marriages, 6. Contributions for missionary and other benevolent objects, about thirty dollars.

There has been no material change in this parish since my last report. We have an interesting Bible class, of about 20 members, and our Sunday school is flourishing, consisting of about eighty scholars. Divine service has been performed in the church every Lord's day during the last conventional year, and well attended. During the season of Lent, and a large portion of the fasts and festivals, we have had extra services, which I trust have produced a salutary effect.

CALVIN WOLCOTT, *Rector.*

St. Paul's Church, Dedham.

Baptisms: infants, 4. Deaths, 3. Marriages, 2. Easter collection, $6 27; Diocesan Fund, $8 41; Board of Missions, $25.

The society cleared itself of every cent of debt at the last Easter meeting. S. B. BABCOCK, *Minister.*

St. James's Church, Roxbury.

During the past year, 17 have been baptized in this parish, one adult. Nineteen communicants have died, or removed; about the same number have been added; so that our list still presents 112 names. Seven have been confirmed, one couple married; 5 individuals have died. Our Sunday school has 11 teachers, and 65 scholars. For missionary purposes, $250 have been raised, part of which has been already paid over, and part is now ready for payment to the General Board; $32 62 have been contributed to the Episcopal Fund.

My absence from my parish through more than five months of the conventional year, perhaps may account for the fact that so little has been accomplished in the way of increase at home, and benevolence abroad. During my sojourn in a foreign land, the pulpit of St. James's Church was mostly supplied by the Rev. Francis Foxcroft and the Rev. Mr. Pollard. Under their labors the congregation was kept together, and the spring has opened with better auspices than could have been reasonably expected, after a winter of entire destitution of *pastoral* care. The services of the Lord's day are now increasingly attended, insomuch that I think the number of stated worshippers at this church has never been so great as it promises to be through the coming summer.

A vigorous effort is now in progress to raise the means necessary for the payment of the remainder of our church debt, which I trust will prove successful. We need only to be relieved of the reproach which exaggerated reports of our pecuniary liabilities are constantly fastening upon us, to take our stand among the most prosperous and flourishing parishes of the Diocese. And I fear we shall never escape the most alarming representations of our critical and precarious situation until the last dollar of this truly "*sinking fund*" is paid. While solicitude on this subject is engrossing the thoughts of the people, the gospel is

preached among them with little effect. And the tendency of parish business to stifle and divert religious feeling is so well understood, that to report a congregation as engaged in any financial enterprise respecting their common interest, is equivalent to reporting that there is but little strictly religious zeal and activity among them. May God prosper the effort in which our people are now engaged, and thenceforward grant them grace to "serve him in all godly quietness."

Episcopal Chapel, Jamaica Plain.

The edifice of which mention was made in my last report, as soon to be erected in the beautiful village of Jamaica Plain, is now finished, and occupied for religious services. It is capable of accommodating about 230 persons, and, — having an acre of land contiguous, — furnished with every convenience for public worship, — organ, carpet, desk and pulpit books, — has cost little more than $3000. Pews are already taken up by residents in that neighborhood to an amount not less than two thirds of the whole cost of the estate, and enough others, it is confidently believed, stand ready to rent those which shall remain unsold. The building is considered as a model worthy the attention of new parishes, who in the erection of their houses of worship, wish neatness and propriety of architecture, without great expense.

No parish has yet been organized; and whether the future proprietors will deem it expedient to erect themselves into a separate parish, and, if so, whether they will maintain any official connection with the parish or rector of St. James's, it is impossible for me to predict. At present the establishment is part of my parochial cure, and on me it devolves to see the pulpit supplied. The congregations have, since the opening of the chapel, been as large as the room would well accommodate. The prospect of a permanent body of worshippers, respectable for character and numbers, and able to raise a moderate support for a minister, is, I may say, certain. I think it worthy of remark, and a subject of gratification, that this scion from the church of St. James has not diminished its numbers or strength. In a few weeks the attendance of the Bishop will be solicited to consecrate this chapel to its appropriate uses. May its erection prove a great and lasting blessing to the community in whose midst it stands. Great praise is due to two gentlemen, whose zeal in the promotion of

this enterprise has been perfectly untiring. To the architectural skill of one we owe its beauty, and to the liberality of the other large advances of the means by which it has been built.

M. A. D'WOLFE HOWE, *Rector.*

Bristol County.

St. Thomas's Church, Taunton.

Baptisms: infants, 19; adults, 2. Communicants: added, 10; died, or removed, 5; present number, 70. Confirmed, 8. Marriages, 1. Burials, 10. Sunday school: scholars, 125. Missionary contributions: General Board, $160; Massachusetts Board, $75. Other contributions for religious purposes: Bible Society, $40; Sunday school library, $25; presented by the ladies for the repair of church, $218; Episcopal Fund, $25.

We had the privilege, in the Convention of 1840, of giving a favorable report of the state of this parish, and are happy to say that it has evinced no diminution of that prosperity which then distinguished its progress. On the contrary the condition of the church is now more flourishing than before. There has been a considerable increase both in the zeal and assiduity of her members, and in the size of our congregation. An evidence of this may be found in the enlargement of our church edifice. I mentioned in my last report that we might perhaps find such a step necessary, and immediately it became so: an addition of twenty pews was made to the building, by which we have at once improved its architectural proportions and obtained more extensive accommodations; and it is gratifying to state that this was done without involving the parish in any debt, the room gained having been disposed of, and the proceeds covering the expense of the alteration.

With regard to the ministerial services of the Rector during the past year, they have been such as usually devolve upon a parochial clergyman in his church, his lecture-room, and Sunday school; and, although the number of communicants added falls very short of that formerly reported, we do not regard that circumstance as indicating the spiritual condition of the parish to be less favorable than the temporal, since, "Though Paul may plant

and Apollos water, God alone can give the increase." We rather observe the growing attention and interest with which our people hearken to the preached gospel. We mark their increased attachment to the Church and their regular attendance on her services, and we cherish the confident expectation that, by the divine blessing, these will prove the forerunners of an abundant harvest, reposing implicit faith in his promise who hath said that "His word shall not return unto him void, but shall accomplish that whereunto it was sent."

EDMUND NEVILLE, *Rector.*

Church of the Ascension, Fall River.

Burials, 4. Marriages, 4. Confirmed 19. Baptisms, 25: adults, 4; infants, 21. Communicants: added, 14; removed, 4; present number, 64. Sunday school: scholars, 85; teachers, 14; with a superintendent and librarian. Collections: Easter collection, $9; weekly offerings for Massachusetts Board, $23 05; Sunday school, $18 86; total, $50 91.

Soon after the last Convention, the parish obtained possession of the house of worship, which they had previously purchased, and in August it was consecrated to the worship of Almighty God according to the rites and usages of the Protestant Episcopal Church.

Since we commenced services in the church the congregation has somewhat increased, but still remains small. The Bishop held two confirmations during the last year, confirming ten in August and nine in April, which, together with a previous confirmation, makes *twenty-nine* confirmed in this parish in less than thirteen months. And although the congregation does not increase so rapidly as we could wish, yet we feel encouraged by the steady increase of the number of our communicants. The fact that the communion has more than doubled in less than three years, and that we have 64 communicants where the average congregation is about 125, including children, is so indicative of the divine blessing as to encourage their minister to renewed efforts for the salvation of souls, while it shows to the friends of Missions in the Diocese that their support has not been bestowed in vain.

The temporal affairs of the parish are neither flattering nor

very embarrassing. With a little sacrifice on the part of individuals in the parish, its financial concerns may be placed in such a condition as not to be seriously detrimental to its successful progress. The Ladies Circle held a fair in July last, at which they realized about $200, most of which was expended in fitting the interior of the church. They are now engaged in preparing for another fair, to be held on the fifth of next month, for the purpose of aiding in the liquidation of the parish debts. With the blessing of God, we may, I trust, at no very distant day, see a large and thriving church in Fall River, but it will require persevering and prayerful labor on the part of the minister, and the continued countenance and support of the Board of Missions.

GEORGE M. RANDALL, *Rector.*

Plymouth County.

St. Andrew's Church, Hanover.

Baptisms: infant, 1; adults, 5. Communicants: present number, 42. Burials, 8. Sunday school, about 80. Contributions for missionary purposes, $55.

Through the great goodness of God, the church in Hanover continues in usual prosperity. Divine service has been held on every Lord's day, and on the principal holy days, throughout the year. The sacraments of baptism and the Lord's supper have been administered to all persons disposed to receive them. Several public lectures have been given on Sunday evening upon the distinctive principles of the Church. A Churchman's class has lately been formed, for the purpose of explaining the doctrines and usages of the Church, which it is hoped may be the means of attaching our young people more strongly to our communion. The ladies of this parish held a fair last autumn, the net proceeds of which amounted to $200. With a part of this sum a parish library, of 200 volumes, has been purchased. While we should thank God for his mercies, we have to lament our feeble efforts in his service and our lack of zeal for the welfare of his kingdom. Our prayer is, that the Lord will command his blessing, and cause this branch of the vine to bear fruit to the praise and glory of his name.

ELEZER A. GREENLEAF, *Rector.*

Trinity Church, Marshfield.

Through the last year, until Christmas, I officiated in this church on the afternoon and evening of every third Sunday. The holy communion was once administered to about 14 persons. It is expected that divine service will be held here a part of the time during the present season. This parish continues few in numbers and feeble in strength.

ELEZER A. GREENLEAF.

Trinity Church, Bridgewater.

Baptisms: infants, 4; adults, 2. Communicants: added, 2; died, or removed, 5; present number, 44. Marriages, 2. Burials, 4. Sunday schools, 1; scholars, 70; teachers, 12. Missionary contributions: General Board, $15; Massachusetts Board, $100. Contributions for other religious purposes: Easter collections, $10; Bishop's Fund, $12.

Though our congregation, the year past, has suffered from the removal of some regular and some transient worshippers, there is a perceptible growth in our numbers from the accessions which, we are gratified to state, continue to be made to it.

I am not aware that the people of the Old Colony are peculiar for the strength of their prejudice towards our Church and her orderly worship, but most true is it that it is such as requires a great amount of pains-taking to overcome. It has been our happiness, however, during the past year, to meet with individuals who have not only, as we trust, been savingly converted to God, but who take a lively interest in our order and worship.

The illness of our venerable Diocesan deprived us of a visitation appointed in January, when we had hoped to have had a considerable accession to our communion. Through the goodness of God, with the exception of a single Sabbath, we have been enabled to labor throughout the year 'in the word and doctrines,' both in the sanctuary and from house to house; and, we trust, to some saving benefit on the souls committed to our care. Besides superintending the Sunday school, we have usually held two, and frequently three, services on the Sabbath. Four evenings of the week, on an average, have been occupied either in ordinary lectures or catechetical exercises. The season of Lent was

observed by a series of solemn and appropriate exercises, in which our people appeared to take a very lively interest. We hope the impressions then made will not be lost upon them.

Our ladies' sewing circle, with a truly commendable zeal, and under many discouraging circumstances, succeeded, the past year, in raising about $80, which, with $20, the avails of the monthly offerings, were sent to the Massachusetts Board, relying on their disposition to make such an appropriation to the parish as such exertions seemed to merit, and the exigencies of the parish really needed. The limited means of the Board, however, to their expressed regret, was such that they could do no more than refund the amount they had received.

From the present degree of seriousness in the minds of many in the parish, we hope that the anticipated visit of our beloved Diocesan will prove a season of deep interest to us, and that many more than are at present prepared for confirmation will be stirred up of the Spirit to embrace the hope set before them in the gospel; which may God of his infinite mercy grant, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

HENRY BLACKALLER, *Rector.*

Worcester County.

St. John's Church, Wilkinsonville. *

Baptisms: infants, 11; adults, 4. Communicants: added, 4; died, or removed, 5; present number, 69. Confirmed, 7. Marriages, 4. Burials, 8. Sunday school: scholars, 75. Missionary contributions: General Board, $18 63; Massachusetts Board, $5 69. Other contributions, &c. $80.

The state of this parish is much the same as in former years. The attendance on public worship has perhaps been rather less the past year than in years preceding; but this has probably been owing only to incidental and temporary causes. Though this society is small, and likely, at least at present, to remain so, yet it may be said that the more permanent and influential part of the community are becoming more attached to it; and are, it is

* Received by the Secretary after the Journal was in the hands of the printer.

hoped, becoming more interested in the gospel of their salvation. Though there is much in our spiritual state to mourn over and lament, yet we are not without encouraging tokens of the divine favor.

The habits of this people are such, that it is almost in vain to hold religious services at any time but on Sundays. A meeting on Wednesday evening has, however, been for many years sustained; as also a lecture in church on the Friday afternoon before the communion. During Lent, public services were held every Wednesday morning; and in Passion Week there was an evening service in the lecture-room, except on those days when the church was opened. On three Sundays in Lent, instead of the usual sermon after morning service, the youth and children of the parish were "openly in the church" examined and instructed in the Church Catechism. On this exercise there was a full and interested attendance.

To make up for the want of week-day services, it is my practice to spend considerable time in parochial visitation. About twelve of these visits are made each week, occupying from half an hour to two hours, and are thought to be in a considerable degree useful.

This society has hitherto been at considerable expense to sustain appropriate music in public worship. We have now, however, through the great and truly commendable generosity of a female member of our communion, an organ built for our use, and to be set up in a few days. This organ, built by Mr. George Stephens, of East Cambridge, is to cost $600, and is to be given by Mrs. Mary Chase to this society, while it continues in connection with the Protestant Episcopal Church. To play this organ we have offered us the gratuitous services of a young gentleman of a neighboring village, whose qualifications are all that we could desire.

There was a contribution of $40 raised the last summer for improving the interior of the church; and recently there has been a subscription of $30 to purchase books for the use of the Sunday school.

DANIEL L. B. GOODWIN.

Christ Church, South Leicester.

Baptisms: infants, 2. Communicants: added, 1; present number, 23. Confirmed, 5. Burials, 2. Sabbath school: scholars, about 15. Contributions to Massachusetts Board, $7 80.

The manufacturing establishments in this village, which suspended operations more than a year and a half ago, are as yet only in preparation to resume work. Till their resumption of business, our congregation must remain small. This summer will probably see the business of the villages revive; and to the increase of population thence accruing we look for an increase of strength. There is nothing so important in the change of the circumstances from last year as to deserve particular attention. The incumbent's health has been declining of late; and on this score must charge the briefness of his report. This cause may lead him to an early resignation of his charge.

WM. WITHINGTON.

Hampden County.

Christ Church, Springfield.

Baptisms: infants, 3; adults, 5. Communicants: added, 15; removed, 4; present number, 51. Confirmed, 12. Marriages, 5. Burials, 4. Sunday school: scholars, 50. Missionary contributions: General Board, $5: Massachusetts Board, $20. Other contributions for religious purposes: assessment for deficiency in Bishop's salary, $5; Bishop's Fund, $5; Sunday school library, $18; indigent parishioners, $15. Other parish purposes, $26. Total contributions, $96. In addition to the above-named sum, the ladies of the parish, to whom many thanks are due, have raised $420 by a fair, which is intended to be applied for the purchase of an organ as soon as practicable.

This being a new parish, some additional particulars may be expected; and with thankfulness it is reported that the general condition and prospects of the church are highly encouraging. The peculiarities of our order and worship are securing in an increasing degree the notice and favor of the community. Old and unfounded prejudices seem to be passing away. Many young persons are deeply interested in the prosperity of the

church, and some of this interesting class are enrolling themselves as soldiers of the cross. The congregation is decidedly increasing. The communicants have more than doubled their number since this was made a station by the Board of Missions, two and a half years since. Every thing would appear to indicate that the church has here secured a firm and permanent footing.

The parish is not free from debt; but it is hoped and believed that this circumstance will not prove to be detrimental to the real interests of the church. A large portion of the debt is the consequence of the non-fulfilment of promises of aid on the part of many to whom application was made for assistance before the erection of the church edifice. None of the pews are as yet sold, they being the property of the parish, and annually rented. This is owing to the fact that all the funds which have been raised for building the church have come to the parish as donations.

During the past year, the services have been regularly held on Sundays, with the exception of one half day, during an illness of the Rector. A weekly service has been held in the church or in private dwellings. In the season of Lent two services were held during each week, and in Passion Week a daily service, with two on Good Friday, were well attended, and, as it is hoped, with much profit to many souls.

A Bible class, with a competent teacher, is connected with the Sunday school, and promises to be instrumental of good.

From the rich experience of the Divine blessing thus far, the church and Rector are encouraged to persevere in labors and prayers for the prosperity of this branch of Zion.

HENRY W. LEE, *Rector.*

St. Mark's Church, Blandford.

As the report of this parish did not appear on the Journal of the last Convention, the present report will show the state of the parish since the 1st of January, 1840, the date on which the present incumbent entered upon the duty of his station.

The whole number of families connected with this cure is about forty-five. This society was incorporated many years since, and has enjoyed the services of many faithful pastors, and

yet has never taken an independent stand amongst the churches of this Diocese. The reason is the inconstancy with which the services of the church have been performed. So difficult has been the cultivation of this field that no one individual has continued in it long enough to reap the fruit of his labor.

If, as the result of the labor of any devoted missionary, the good seed at any time took root, the precious germ was soon destroyed by the cold and blighting touch of infidelity. Beside the usual difficulty attending the advancement of the Church in every portion of New England, prejudiees deeper rooted, and opposition more determined, have always existed here.

There have been periods when infidelity sought to destroy every vestige of Christianity. In consequence of this many devoted servants of the Saviour have here become discouraged, and after a few months of diligent labor, have forsaken the field.

Although many obstacles oppose the progress of Christian effort at the present in this community, still the present incumbent is happy to report that there is much to encourage. Infidelity is not now openly avowed, and Christianity is not now openly opposed. Many individuals who were once willing to use their influence against the institutions of the gospel, *now* most cordially receive the visits of the missionary, attend upon and join in our services; their children are found in our Sunday school; the books of our Sunday school library and religious tracts are very thankfully received, and carefully read. Some who once warmly opposed, now aid in sustaining, our services by their presence, and many kind offices. All this we can but look upon as matter for encouragement for the Missionary, and the Missionary Board of the Diocese, which in part sustain the services of the church at this place. But in all probability a long-continued and judicious course of action, attended with the influence of the Holy Spirit, may alone be expected to change this moral waste into a beautiful garden of the Lord.

Communicants: added, 4; died, 1; present number, 4. Marriages, 2. Burials, 5. Sunday school: scholars, 25; teachers, 4. Contributions: Massachusetts Board of Missions, $2; General Board, $2; Protestant Episcopal Tract Society, $3. Other contributions for religious purposes, about $15.

HENRY H. BATES.

Franklin County.

St. James's Church, Greenfield.

Baptisms: adults, 2; infants, 6. Communicants: added, 7; died, or removed, 5; present number, 70. Confirmed, 3. Marriages, 5. Burials, 9. Sunday school: scholars, 50. Missionary contributions: General Board, $50; Massachusetts Board, $10.

This parish continues, as at the time of the last report, with but little change for the better or the worse. The lines between religious parishes in the town are so fixed, that there seems but little chance for increase to the Church. And yet the zeal of its members is not abated nor their harmony interrupted. During the last year the ladies of the society have presented a valuable gown to their Rector, and a subscription of $250 has been raised for repairing the organ. Nearly $100 have also been expended about the church. If our spiritual concerns were as prosperous as our temporal, notwithstanding our subjection to many wants, we should still have occasion to rejoice.

T. Strong, *Rector.*

St. John's Church, Ashfield.

Communicants: added, 1; died, 1; removed, 1; present number, 31. Confirmed, 1. Marriages, 1. Burials, 3. Sunday schools, 1; scholars, 40. Missionary contributions, $6 50: General Board, $3; Massachusetts Board, $3 50. Other contributions for religious purposes, $10.

Under many discouraging circumstances the ordinary Sunday services have been regularly sustained the past year, and, saving the cold season, the time intervening those services has been entirely devoted to a Bible class and Sunday school. Lectures have frequently been held at school-houses and private dwellings; and the festivals and fasts of the Church, together with those appointed by the civil authority, have generally been observed.

Recently, through the mercy of Him "unto whom all hearts are open and all desires known," some indications have been accorded, which encourage us to hope that, notwithstanding our unfaithfulness, we are graciously remembered by our God, and that there is in reserve for us a "time of refreshing from" his

"presence." Several young persons, who have hitherto stood aloof from our Bible class and Sunday school, are now active and inquiring associates. Contributions have been made to replenish the Sunday school library, and paint the church; and the ladies, whose influence has been rendered nugatory by the absence of concert, are now organizing a sewing society, which, we confidently trust, will contribute in no small degree to our temporal and spiritual well-being.

JACOB PEARSON, *Rector.*

Berkshire County.

St. James's Church, Great Barrington.

Baptisms: adults, 2; children, 4; total, 6. Communicants: added, 10; died, or removed, 6; present number, 79. Confirmed, 11. Marriages, 5. Burials, 8. Contributions for religious and charitable purposes, $220. Sunday school: 18 teachers; 100 scholars. Sunday school library, 450 volumes.

S. HASSARD.

St. Stephen's Church, Pittsfield.

Baptisms: infants, 9; adults, 5. Communicants: added 11; died, or removed, 8; present number, 64. Confirmed, 5. Marriages, 3. Burials, 17. Sunday school: scholars, 40. Missionary contributions: General Board, $281; Massachusetts Board, $50. Other contributions: Sunday school library, $19 85; Convention fund, $9; total, $359 85.

The condition of this parish may be described as being more favorable than at the last report. A larger number of persons have become members of the communion than during the preceding year. And it is believed that they will adorn their profession with the fruits of genuine piety. But the removals and deaths, — though those deaths have given valuable testimony to the excellence of Christian faith and hope, — have kept the number of communicants much the same as heretofore. A course of lectures was held during the season of Lent, which were listened to with a gratifying seriousness of attention. The Bible class and Sunday school are now offering their benefits to such as will

profit by them; and, as very evident good results have come from them heretofore, it may reasonably be expected that no less of usefulness will proceed from them hereafter, if equal fidelity be exhibited by the teachers and the learners.

EDWARD BALLARD, *Rector.*

Trinity Church, Van Deusenville.

Baptisms: infants, 14; adult, 1. Confirmed, 1. Communicants: added, 1; present number, 45.* Marriages, 4. Burials, 5. Sunday school: scholars, 45. Contributions for Sunday school library, $20; Home Missions in Massachusetts, $9. Easter collections, $5 50. Ladies' Sewing Circle, for purchase of plate for the communion, $50.

This church has justified the expectations of its friends the past year. The attendance has perceptibly increased in numbers and regularity; and there has been, to the outward appearance at least, an increase of piety. Upon the survey of the year, we feel humble under the sense of our deficiencies, thankful to God for his mercies, and devoutly implore them in a larger measure the coming year.

S. P. PARKER, *Minister.*

St. Paul's Church, Stockbridge.

Communicants: added, 3; died, 1; present number, 21. Marriages, 2. Burials, 5. Collection for Home Missions in Massachusetts, $5. Ladies' Society for General Benevolent Purposes, $50.

This church has conveyed blessings to souls, the past year, some of whom have passed from time to eternity. Seriousness has marked the congregation generally; the numbers of which have increased. An unusual interest has been manifested by some, in the truth as it is in Jesus. The church in Stockbridge is stronger, temporally and spiritually, than it has ever been before.

S. P. PARKER, *Minister.*

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* Communicants last year 44, instead of 43, as reported.

In giving an account of my labors, it may be proper to state the following particulars. I commenced as minister in Lowell on the 23d day of last August. I engaged with the committee for one year, with the express understanding that, if successful, we should proceed to establish a second church in this city. God has smiled upon us in our work; 10 have received holy baptism, — 3 children and 7 adults. There have been confirmed, 21. The average attendance on the three public services of each Lord's day, about 200. A Bible class, which I have conducted twice on Sunday, consists of about 80 persons, adults. Average attendance, about 50. We have no Sunday school, because we have no place convenient for one to assemble.

A collection has been made for the General Missionary Board. For the Sunday schools, $13; Easter collection, $12.

There seems to be a readiness on the part of the people to attend upon the ordinances of the church. And if God shall be pleased to continue his smiles, and if our friends are willing and ready to make the sacrifices that are necessary, I can see no reason to doubt that our efforts shall be prospered, and a large parish gathered, in addition to the one already existing in this city. The hall in which we worship was opened in July last. The effort originated in St. Anne's parish. No separate parish has yet been organized. Therefore all the above statistics are included in the report of the rector of St. Anne's.

Amos D. McCoy.

The Secretary presented, in the absence of the Treasurer, his account, which was read, and referred to the Secretary, as auditing committee, to be printed with the Journal.

The Rev. Mr. Baury, from the Committee to whom was referred by the last Convention the subject of a more competent and permanent support of a clergyman who should be pastor of Christ Church, Cambridge, reported verbally, that progress had been made in the important matter entrusted to them, and recommended that the number now composing this Committee be enlarged.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Committee on the church in Cambridge be continued, and that Henry Codman, Esq. and William Parker, Esq. be added to the same.

On motion,

Resolved, That this Convention devoutly recognize the goodness of Divine Providence in granting to our beloved Diocesan recovery from severe sickness, enabling him to continue his faithful care over this portion of the Lord's vineyard; and heartily pray that the church may long be blessed with his apostolic labors, godly counsel, and pious example.

The minutes of the Convention were then read and approved.

On motion,

Resolved, That, after the usual devotional exercises by the Bishop, this Convention adjourn, *sine die*.

Adjourned accordingly.

Attest,

ALFRED L. BAURY, *Secretary*.

On the evening preceding the meeting of the Convention, the church was open for divine service, when the Rev. Dr. Morss, of Newburyport, by appointment, preached before the Society for the Relief of Widows and Orphans of Deceased Clergymen of the Protestant Episcopal Church. Amount of contribution taken up in the church for the purposes of the Society, $35 86. On Wednesday and Thursday mornings, at 6 o'clock, there were public religious services; and again on Wednesday evening, when prayers were read by the Rev. Mr. Fuller, of Andover, and a sermon preached by the Rev. Mr. Clark, of Boston, after which Bishop Griswold admitted seven persons to the apostolic rite of confirmation.

NOTICE.

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ALFRED L. BAURY,
Secretary of the Convention.

Newton Lower Falls, June, 1841.



Appendix.

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Appendix.

ABSTRACT OF THE PAROCHIAL REPORTS.....JUNE, 1841.

Counties.	Towns.	Churches.	Ministers.	Baptisms.			Communicants.			Confirmed.	Marriages.	Burials.	Sunday S. Scholars.	Missionary Contributions.		Other contributions for religious purposes.	Other missionary contrib'ions reported
				Infants.	Adults.	Total.	Added.	Died, or removed.	Present Number.					Gen'l Board.	Mass. Board.		
Suffolk	Boston	Christ	John Woart	15	1	16	*	*	†75	0	11	9	†250	*	*	†	324 00
		Trinity	John L. Watson	*	*	31	46	7	340	0	7	18	145	*	*	2680 00	500 00
		St. Matthew's	Joseph H. Clinch	22	2	24	17	14	54	5	4	12	70	36 00	6 00	51 00	
		St. Paul's	John S. Stone, D. D.	19	4	23	33	20	270	28	3	6	120	383 95	600 00	2041 18	682 25
		Grace	Thomas M. Clark	28	11	39	57	18	311	27	16	13	150	234 00	325 00	538 00	200 00
		Free Church	Samuel McBurney	25	1	26	12	6	74	7	14	14	130	10 00	5 00	92 62	
Norfolk	Quincy	Christ	Calvin Wolcott	4	‡	4	‡	‡	46	2	6	6	80	‡	‡	30 00	
	Dedham	St. Paul's	Samuel B. Babcock	4	0	4	‡	‡	†40	0	2	3	†38	‡	25 00	14 68	
	Roxbury	St. James's	M. A. D'W. Howe	16	1	17	9	9	112	7	1	5	†65	250 00	‡	32 62	
Essex	Newburyport	St. Paul's	James Morss, D. D.	17	0	17	7	8	100	6	7	10	60	30 00	113 11	117 00	
	Salem	St. Peter's	Charles Mason	12	4	16	20	9	115	23	4	9	100	267 50	55 00	256 00	
	Marblehead	St. Michael's	John P. Robinson	2	1	3	2	1	102	5	1	6	150	‡	‡	13 25	
	Amesbury	St. James's	Silas Blaisdale	1	0	1	‡	‡	†30	‡	‡	‡	45	‡	3 00	5 00	
	Andover	Christ	Samuel Fuller, Jr.	14	0	14	10	5	60	10	0	5	90	0	0	‡	
	Lynn	Christ	Vacant	§	§	§	§	§	†30	§	§	§	†45	§	§	§	
	Ipswich	Christ	Vacant	1	0	1	‡	‡	7	3	‡	‡	25	‡	5 00	‡	
Middlesex	Cambridge	Christ	N. Hoppin	11	0	11	19	15	44	10	1	4	12	0	14 00	103 92	
	Lowell	St. Anne's	Theodore Edson	39	16	55	44	16	262	64	7	25	577	100 00	230 00	274 00	
	Hopkinton	St. Paul's	Vacant	§	§	§	§	§	‖10	§	§	§	§	§	§	§	
	Charlestown	St. John's	Vacant	‡	‡	‡	‡	‡	40	‡	‡	‡	40	‡	20 00	‡	
	Newton L. Falls	St. Mary's	Alfred L. Baury	28	1	29	3	5	125	0	2	14	150	27 00	50 00	100 00	
Hampshire	Northampton	St. John's	Vacant	§	§	§	§	§	¶16	§	§	§	†24	§	§	§	
Plymouth	Hanover	St. Andrew's	Elezer A. Greenleaf	1	5	6	0	‡	42	0	0	8	80	‡	‡	‡	55 00
	Marshfield	Trinity	Elezer A. Greenleaf	‡	‡	‡	‡	‡	14	‡	‡	‡	‡	‡	‡	‡	
	Bridgewater	Trinity	Henry Blackaller	4	2	6	2	5	44	0	2	4	70	15 00	100 00	22 00	
Bristol	Taunton	St. Thomas's	Edmund Neville	19	2	21	10	5	70	8	1	10	125	160 00	75 00	90 00	
	New Bedford	Grace	Theodore W. Snow	§	§	§	§	§	†45	§	§	§	†90	§	§	§	
	Fall River	Ascension	George M. Randall	21	4	25	14	4	64	19	4	4	85	‡	23 05	27 91	
Worcester	Clappville	Christ	Wm. Withington	2	0	2	1	0	23	5	0	2	15	0	7 80	‡	
	Wilkinsonville	St. John's	Dan'l L. B. Goodwin	§	§	§	§	§	†70	§	§	§	†73	§	§	§	
Hampden	Springfield	Christ	Henry W. Lee	3	5	8	15	4	51	12	5	4	50	5 00	20 00	70 00	
	Blandford	St. Mark's	Henry H. Bates	0	0	0	4	1	4	‡	2	5	25	2 00	2 00	18 00	
Franklin	Greenfield	St. James's	Titus Strong, D. D.	6	2	8	7	5	70	3	5	9	50	50 00	10 00	‡	
	Montague	Trinity	Vacant	§	§	§	§	§	**9	§	§	§	§	§	§	§	
	Ashfield	St. John's	Jacob Pearson	0	0	0	1	1	31	1	1	3	40	6 50	3 50	10 00	
Berkshire	Otis	St. Paul's	Ethan Allen	§	§	§	§	§	††14	§	§	§	††35	§	§	§	
	Lenox	Trinity	George Waters	§	§	§	§	§	†30	§	§	§	§	§	§	§	
	Lanesborough	St. Luke's	Samuel B. Shaw	§	§	§	§	§	††64	§	§	§	†50	§	§	§	
	Great Barrington	St. James's	Samuel Hassard	4	2	6	10	6	79	11	5	8	100	‡	‡	220 00	
	Van Deusenville	Trinity	Samuel P. Parker	§	§	§	§	§	†19	§	§	§	†0	§	§	§	
	Pittsfield	St. Stephen's	Edward Ballard	9	5	14	1	8	64	5	3	7	40	281 00	50 00	28 85	
	Stockbridge	St. Paul's	Samuel P. Parker	§	§	§	§	§	†19	§	§	§	†0	§	§	§	
	Nantucket	Trinity	Vacant	§	§	§	§	§	††15	§	§	§	††70	§	§	§	
				327	69	427	354	172	3204	261	114	233	3364	1857 95	1742 46	6836 03	1761 25

* Not designated. † Number reported in 1840. ‡ None reported. § No report. ‖ Probable number. ¶ Number reported in 1838.
** Number reported in 1833. †† Number reported in 1839.

FORM OF PAROCHIAL REPORT, AS AMENDED AND ADOPTED BY THE CONVENTION OF 1840.

Church.	Place.	Minister.	Baptisms.		Communicants.			Confirmed.	Marriages.	Burials.	Sunday School Scholars.	Missionary Contributions.		Other contributions for religious purposes, each object to be particularly specified.
			Infants.	Adults.	Added.	Died, or removed.	Present Number.					General Board.	Miss. Board.	

N. B. It is expected that the clergyman will make such observations as to give a comprehensive view of the state of his parish and of his ministerial services during the past year.

Dr. CONVENTION *of Prot. Episcopal Church of Massachusetts in account with* ISAAC BOYLE, *Treasurer.* **Cr.**

1840.			
June 18.	To amount paid the following gentlemen, by order of Convention, for travelling expenses, namely:		
	Rev. T. Strong, D. D.	$10 00	
	Rev. E. Ballard,	10 00	
	Rev. W. Withington,	3 50	
	Rev. J. Pearson,	10 00	
	Rev. H. W. Lee,	6 00	
	Rev. S. P. Parker,	10 00	
	Rev. C. C. Taylor,	3 50	
			$53 00
	(Voucher No. 1.)		
Aug. 1.	Paid Mr. J. B. Dow's bill, printing Journal, (No. 2,)		126 95
1841.			
Jan. 6.	Paid copying records of Convention for 1840, (No. 3,)		14 00
	Paid Mr. C. Stimpson's bill printing circulars relative to Christ Church, Cambridge, (No. 4,)		10 61
" 19.	Paid sundry postages of Secretary and Treasurer,		2 12
" 21.	Balance transferred to new account,		265 17
			$471 85

The above account having been examined by me, is found to be correctly cast, and properly vouched.

ALFRED L. BAURY, *Auditor.*

1840.			
June 18.	By balance of old account,		$228 35
1841.			
	Received from the following churches for contingent expenses, namely:		
June 7.	Christ Church, Boston,		15 00
" 8.	Trinity Church, Boston, (1840 and 1841,)		75 00
	St. Paul's, Boston,		37 50
" 10.	St. Stephen's Pittsfield,		9 00
" "	St. James's, Amesbury,		3 00
" "	St. Paul's, Newburyport,		10 00
" "	Trinity Church, Bridgewater,		5 00
" "	Christ Church, Clappville,		1 50
" "	Christ Church, Springfield,		5 00
" "	St. James's, Greenfield,		6 00
" "	St. Peter's, Salem,		12 00
" "	St. James's, Roxbury,		15 00
" "	St. Thomas's, Taunton,		15 00
" "	Christ Church, Cambridge,		10 50
" 21.	Grace Church, Boston,		15 00
" "	St. James's, Great Barrington,		9 00
Boston, June 21, 1841.			$471 85

Errors excepted.

ISAAC BOYLE, *Treasurer.*

The following churches, from which nothing has been received this year for contingent expenses, are necessarily mentioned, in compliance with the Canon of 1828, namely: St. Matthew's, South Boston; St. Paul's, Dedham; St. Mary's, Newton Lower Falls; St. Anne's, Lowell; Christ Church, Andover; St. Michael's, Marblehead; St. Luke's, Lanesborough; Grace Church, New Bedford; St. Mark's, Blandford, and Christ Church, Quincy.

Constitution

OF THE

PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH

IN THE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS,

AS AMENDED

IN CONVENTION, JUNE, 1841.

ARTICLE I.

This Church, as a constituent part of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the United States of America, accedes to the General Constitution of that Church, and acknowledges its authority.

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There shall be a stated Convention of the Church in this Commonwealth, at Boston, on the second Wednesday in June, in every year; unless a different time and place be fixed on by a preceding Convention. Special meetings of the Convention shall be called by the Bishop, when, in his judgment, the good of the Church may require it, or when the Standing Committee shall request it. And when the Episcopal Chair is vacant, the Standing Committee shall have power to call such Convention. Provided always, that no business shall be done at any special Convention, other than is specified in the notice calling such Convention.

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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8, AND THURSDAY, JUNE 9, 1842.

WITH AN

APPENDIX.

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LIST OF THE CLERGY

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JUNE, A. D. 1842.

The Rt. Rev. ALEXANDER VIETS GRISWOLD, D. D. Bishop of the Eastern Diocese, Boston.

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The Rev. HENRY BLACKALLER, Rector of Trinity Church, Bridgewater.

The Rev. JOHN L. BLAKE, D. D. residing in New York.

The Rev. SILAS BLAISDALE, Rector of St. James' Church, Amesbury.

The Rev. ISAAC BOYLE, D. D. Treasurer of the Convention, occasionally officiating, Boston.

The Rev. THOMAS M. CLARK, Rector of Grace Church, Boston.

Dr. CONVENTION *of Prot. Episcopal Church of Massachusetts in account with* ISAAC BOYLE, *Treasurer.* **Cr.**

1840.			
June 18.	To amount paid the following gentlemen, by order of Convention, for travelling expenses, namely:		
	Rev. T. Strong, D. D.	$10 00	
	Rev. E. Ballard,	10 00	
	Rev. W. Withington,	3 50	
	Rev. J. Pearson,	10 00	
	Rev. H. W. Lee,	6 00	
	Rev. S. P. Parker,	10 00	
	Rev. C. C. Taylor,	3 50	
			$53 00
	(Voucher No. 1.)		
Aug. 1.	Paid Mr. J. B. Dow's bill, printing Journal, (No. 2,)		126 95
1841.			
Jan. 6.	Paid copying records of Convention for 1840, (No. 3,)		14 00
	Paid Mr. C. Stimpson's bill printing circulars relative to Christ Church, Cambridge, (No. 4,)		10 61
" 19.	Paid sundry postages of Secretary and Treasurer,		2 12
" 21.	Balance transferred to new account,		265 17
			$471 85

The above account having been examined by me, is found to be correctly cast, and properly vouched.

ALFRED L. BAURY, *Auditor.*

1840.		
June 18.	By balance of old account,	$228 35
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" 8.	Trinity Church, Boston, (1840 and 1841,)	75 00
	St. Paul's, Boston,	37 50
" 10.	St. Stephen's Pittsfield,	9 00
" "	St. James's, Amesbury,	3 00
" "	St. Paul's, Newburyport,	10 00
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Errors excepted.

ISAAC BOYLE, *Treasurer.*

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On motion,

Resolved, That the Convention proceed to the election of a Secretary.

The Bishop appointed the Rev. Daniel L. B. Goodwin, and John Edson, Esq. to collect and count the ballots, who, having attended to that duty, reported the present incumbent as duly chosen.

Whereupon, the President declared the Rev. Alfred L. Baury, Rector of St. Mary's Church, Newton Lower Falls, reëlected Secretary to the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church of Massachusetts, for the ensuing year.

The Standing Rules of Order were then read.

On motion,

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On motion,

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A committee of finance, to consist of one clergyman and two laymen; to whom shall be referred the Treasurer's report, the appropriation of the contingent expenses of the Convention, and all matters of a financial nature not specifically referred to any other committee:

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4. The annual report of the *Treasurer* of the Convention.

5. The annual report of the *Board of Missions* of the Diocese.

6. The annual report of the Trustees of the Society for the relief of the Widows and Orphans of deceased Clergymen of the Protestant Episcopal Church.

7. The reports of committees appointed at the preceding Convention, in the order in which they were appointed.

8. The election, by ballot, of the Standing Committee of the Diocese for the ensuing year.

9. The election, by ballot, of a Treasurer for the ensuing year.

10. The election, by ballot, of a Board of Missions for the ensuing year.

11. The election, by ballot, of the constitutional number of delegates to the General Convention.

12. Reports of committees appointed by the Convention in session, in the order in which they were appointed.

13. Calling on each delegation, by the Secretary of the Convention, to pay the amounts assessed on their respective parishes for the fund for contingent expenses, &c.

14. Miscellaneous business, Parochial Reports, &c.

RULE IV. An address or communication from the Bishop shall be in order at any time.

RULE V. When the President takes the chair, no member shall continue standing, or shall afterwards stand up, except to address the chair.

No member shall absent himself from the house, unless he have leave, or be unable to attend.

When any member is about to speak, or deliver any matter to the house, he shall, with due respect, address himself to the President, confining himself strictly to the point in debate.

No member shall speak more than twice in the same debate, without leave of the house; nor more than once, until others desiring to speak shall have spoken.

While the President is putting any question, the members shall continue in their seats, and shall not hold any private discourse.

Every member who shall be in the house when any question is put, shall vote, unless he be personally interested in the question, or shall be excused by the Convention for reasons assigned.

RULE VI. No motion shall be considered as before the Con-

vention unless seconded by a member not belonging to the same parish with the mover; and every motion, when required by any member, shall be reduced to writing.

RULE VII. When the report of a committee is presented, it shall be read and entered on the minutes, unless otherwise determined by the house; and, if accompanied by resolutions, the question shall be on adopting them.

RULE VIII. When a question is before the Convention, it shall be in order,—

1. To lay on the table;
2. To postpone to a day certain;
3. To commit;
4. To amend;
5. To postpone indefinitely;

and a motion for any one of these proceedings may be considered having precedence in the order in which they are here named; and a question on any of these proceedings shall be decided before the original motion.

RULE IX. Any member may call for the division of a question, when the sense will admit of it.

RULE X. The question of adjournment shall always be in order; and that, together with the motion to lay on the table, shall be decided without debate.

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RULE XII. On all questions of order, the President shall decide, subject to an appeal to the house.

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The following Committees were then appointed:

1. *Committee of Examination.* The Rev. John L. Watson, the Rev. Joseph H. Clinch, H. G. Colby, Esq.

2. *Committee of Finance.* The Rev. Edward Ballard, Benjamin Howard, and Edward S. Rand, Jr. Esqrs.

3. *Executive Committee.* The Rev. Samuel P. Parker, the Rev. Amos D. M'Coy, the Rev. Thomas M. Clark.

On motion,

Resolved, That the business of the Convention be suspended until after divine service.

Morning prayer was then read by the Rev. Mr. Clinch, of South Boston; Rev. Mr. Lambert, of New Bedford, and Rev. Mr. Watson of Boston, assisting. The sermon was preached by the Rev. Mr. Fuller of Andover; text, Deuteronomy, fifth chapter, twenty-eighth and twenty-ninth verses: "*They have well said all that they have spoken: O that there were such a heart in them.*"

The Rt. Rev. the Bishop then administered the Lord's Supper, assisted by the Rev. Messrs. Watson and Clinch. The congregation having retired, the President took the Chair, and declared the Convention open for business. Agreeably to the XIV. Rule of Order the following clergymen appeared and took their seats in the Convention:

The Rev. Asa Eaton, D. D. of the Diocese of New Jersey, residing in Boston.

The Rev. John S. Stone, D. D. Rector of Christ Church, Brooklyn, New York.

The Rev. James Milnor, D. D. Rector of St. George's Church, New York.

The Rev. Manton Eastburn, D. D. Rector of the Church of the Ascension, New York.

The Rev. James W. Cook, Assistant Minister of St. George's Church, New York.

The Rev. Joseph H. Nichols, Assistant Minister of Trinity Parish, New Haven, Connecticut.

The Rev. William Warland, Jr. Rector of Grace Church, Saybrook, Connecticut.

The Rev. Henry B. Sherman, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Windham, Connecticut.

The Rev. Jacob B. Morss, Deacon of the Diocese of N. Carolina.

The Rev. William Horton, Rector of St. Thomas' Church, Dover, New Hampshire.

The Rev. John H. Hobart, Missionary at Prairieville, Wisconsin.

The Rev. William F. Morgan, Assistant Minister of Trinity Parish, New Haven, Connecticut.

The Rev. Addison Searle, of the Diocese of Michigan, Chaplain in the United States Navy, officiating at the Navy Yard, Charlestown, Massachusetts.

The Rev. Theodore S. Snow, of Massachusetts, residing in Roxbury.

The Rev. William Withington, of Massachusetts, residing in Clappville.

The Rev. Benjamin C. C. Parker, of Massachusetts, residing in Boston.

The Rev. M. P. Stickney, of Massachusetts, officiating in St. Michael's Church, Marblehead.

The Rev. Justin Field, Jr. Deacon, of Massachusetts, residing in Boston.

The Rev. Mr. Watson, Secretary of the Standing Committee, presented the following Report:

The Standing Committee of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the Diocese of Massachusetts, in conformity with the requisitions of the eighth article of the Constitution, respectfully report to the Convention the following abstract from the records of their proceedings during the last year.

Since their appointment at the last annual Convention, the Committee have held regular monthly and several special meetings; and they have granted the canonical testimonials, at the following dates, in favor, respectively, of the following applicants, namely:

1841. *July* 6. Edward A. Renouf, a graduate of Harvard College, applying for recommendation as a candidate for Holy Orders; and the Rev. Henry H. Bates, Deacon, applying for recommendation for admission to Priests' orders:

July 12. Samuel Goodale, a candidate for Holy Orders, applying for recommendation to the Bishop, for Deacons' orders:

November 5. Fordyce M. Hubbard, a candidate for orders, applying for recommendation for Deacons' orders:

December 7. Darius R. Brewer, a graduate of Harvard College, applying for recommendation as a candidate for Holy Orders:

1842. *January* 4. Justin Field, Jr. a candidate for orders, applying for admission to Deacons' orders: Emory M. Porter, a graduate of Harvard College; S. A. Taylor, a graduate of Amherst College; and Edward F. Slafter, a graduate of Dartmouth College; applying for admission as candidates for Holy Orders:

March 21. The Rev. Samuel Cutler, Deacon, applying for admission to Priests' orders.

May 11. Alexander Crummell, a candidate for Holy Orders, applying for recommendation to the Bishop for admission to Deacons' orders.

On the 30th September, 1841, by virtue of authority delegated to them by the Convention of Massachusetts, they elected the Hon. Jeremiah Mason, to fill a vacancy in the Massachusetts delegation to the General Convention.

All which is respectfully submitted, in behalf of the Standing Committee. JOHN L. WATSON, *Secretary.*

Boston June 8, 1842.

The Rev. Mr. Mason, Secretary of the Board of Missions for the Protestant Episcopal Church of Massachusetts, presented their Annual Report, which was read as follows:

The Board of Missions of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Massachusetts, respectfully present to the Convention their Sixth Annual Report.

It has pleased God, in his wise providence, to take out of this world one of the members of the Board, who was deeply interested in its measures, and by his wise counsels contributed much to their success.

The Board has also been deprived, in several of its latter meetings, of the presence of another member, whose feeble health compelled him to seek a milder climate. These vacancies have been the occasion of great regret and sorrow to the remaining members of the Board.

The operations of the year were commenced under the incumbrance of a heavy debt, the payment of which rendered it necessary to limit the appropriations to a smaller sum than usual in former years. It was also thought proper that these should be made with the condition that the funds received during the year should be sufficient to meet them. The missionaries were, therefore, informed that if these should prove insufficient, the appropriations would be proportionably diminished. Though the members of the Board considered themselves bound to make every exertion in their power to procure liberal contributions to the Treasury, they did not feel authorized to pledge any thing beyond the amount actually received, and therefore felt obliged to make the above-mentioned condition.

The appropriations were made in the following manner, viz:

To the Missionary at St. James', Amesbury, in addition to the sum which should be raised in Newburyport,	$50
To the Missionary at St. John's, Ashfield,	75
" " St. Mark's, Blandford,	100
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" " " " Andover,	100
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" " " " Nantucket,	100
Making an amount of	$1625

The debt on July 1st, 1841, when the present Board entered upon its duties, was $715, which, added to the appropriations, gave the sum of $2340, which the Board confidently expected would be raised during the year.*

The Board finds great cause for encouragement in the amount of good effected by such limited means. The Churches at Charlestown, Springfield, Fall River, Andover, and Nantucket, have been steadily, and, in some instances, rapidly gaining

* This hope was fully realized before the rising of the Convention, by the receipt of contributions from several parishes besides those acknowledged in the Treasurer's Report.

strength, and though they may require aid still longer, there is every reason for believing that they will all, within two or three years, be able to sustain themselves, and take their stand among the large and flourishing Churches of the Diocese. The Church at Amesbury is in a prosperous condition. It is entirely full, and there is a demand for more extended accommodations, and if these could be obtained, this parish would probably be able to dispense with missionary aid. It is hoped that the Church in Bridgewater will also be able eventually to sustain itself. There is little hope of this result as to the Churches at Blandford, Lenox, Otis, Ashfield, and Clappville; though by the continuance of aid to them the privileges of the church may be secured where they will be greatly prized. Such is the financial condition of the Board, and the general state of the churches aided from its funds. It will be observed, that the principal part of those funds have been appropriated to the support of parishes, which, with the blessing of God, will at no distant day be able to dispense with missionary aid, and will probably in a few years return more into the treasury of the Board than they have received from it. And, while none of those few stations, of which the same cannot be expected, have been deserted, the Board has become convinced of the inexpediency of increasing their number, and of the duty of concentrating the means placed at their disposal as much as possible where they may with the greatest certainty be expected to produce widely extended results. If the whole sum disbursed by the Board of Missions since its formation six years ago, namely, $13,780, had been instrumental in firmly establishing only the Churches at Charlestown, Springfield, Fall River, Andover, and Nantucket, who could doubt that the results had abundantly justified the expenditure; who could think of comparing the good which has already flowed, and which we may reasonably hope will flow in future years from those churches, with the few thousands which have been appropriated for their support?

We repeat, then, that the Board feels the highest encouragement in view of the results of its operations, especially when the narrow means with which it has been obliged to conduct them, are taken into consideration.

The meetings of the Board have been held once in every two months, have not been confined to this city, nor been made of an exclusively business character. In connection with them,

there have been public meetings, for the purpose of bringing the subject of State missions before the members of our churches, and by addresses, and the statement of facts, to illustrate their importance, and awaken a deeper interest in their behalf. These meetings have not been as encouraging as was expected, but they were believed to be essential, at least until the churches shall become more fully informed, and more deeply interested in the subject. It would be desirable that systematic and effectual measures should be adopted in all the churches, upon which reliance might be placed to secure sufficient means to sustain the operations of the Board; but in the absence of these, it has been found necessary to resort to more urgent measures.

In order to prepare the way for some more uniform, simple and effectual arrangement as to the missionary operations of the Diocese, a correspondence was opened a short time since with the Committees of the General Board of Missions, in which it was proposed, that the Treasurer of this Board should be made the receiving agent of those committees in this Diocese, and in general that their entire action in this State, whether by correspondence or otherwise, should be through this Board. The Foreign Committee has acted upon this proposal, and expressed its willingness immediately to appoint the Treasurer of this Board their receiving agent in the city of Boston. Many of the churches in the Diocese have followed a suggestion of the Board, made in a circular issued a few months since, and have deposited with its Treasurer their contributions for every department of Missions.

If the powers of this Board could be enlarged, and it could be made the agent of the Convention in regard to the whole missionary action of the Diocese, and associations of the clergy and laity could be formed in different sections of the State, to cooperate with it, it is believed that greater unity and efficiency of action might be secured. This subject is respectfully submitted to the Convention, with the hope that it may receive its special attention at this time.

The importance of some such instrumentality as that of the Board of Missions, is becoming constantly more apparent. A great change, favorable to the institutions of our Church, is taking place in the community. The minds of many who have been hitherto tossed to and fro upon every wind of doctrine, have at length been arrested by a view of her steady, peaceful, but surely progressive course.

The fluctuation of religious opinion around us, the dissolution of old, and the formation of new sects; the rapid decline in a prevailing denomination, from a rigid system of doctrine and discipline, to the verge of infidelity, and the utter disregard of all unity of faith and order, have turned the attention of great numbers to the admirable arrangements of the Church, and convinced them fully of their superior stability and expediency, if not of their apostolic authority. And it becomes us to be prepared to make full and immediate use of this favorable tendency in the community. It is peculiarly important at this time, that there should be a body like the Board of Missions in efficient action, whose duty it shall be, and with whom shall be entrusted ample means, to occupy at once those openings which appear in the providence of God for the introduction of our Church institutions.

Moreover, there is abundant room for every possible exertion of such a Board, and for the use of tenfold greater funds, to provide inducements to win into the church of God, and bring under the influence of the gospel of the Redeemer, that great multitude, those many thousands, who in our large cities and towns are now living in the utter neglect of every Christian privilege, and therefore, in general, of their duties to God and man.

Were it possible for this Board to realize a great increase of its funds, an ample field opens for their use, without, in the slightest degree, interfering with any existing denomination or society.

There are in this city, many thousands of men, women, and children, who seldom, if ever, enter a church of God, and who never will, until sought out by the Christian missionary. The efforts of some other denominations have received this direction of late years with signal success. And it is time that our Church entered more heartily into it. Too long have the poorer classes of the community been neglected in her provisions for public worship. The Church of England has set us a noble example in the regard paid to them in the construction of many of her churches. May we be quick to follow in her steps in this respect. The Church should be opened wide, the gospel preached freely to the poor. We must "go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city," and bring them in, and show that among us the gospel is preached to the poor. There is room in the kingdom of Christ for them; they should be sought out and brought into it; yea, in the words of the Saviour, we should "compel them to

come in;" compel them by that most powerful of all forces ever brought to bear upon the heart of man, that of Christian love.

Such is the wide field before us. God grant that it may be occupied, and the standard of the cross planted upon it, in the name of Christ and his church!

In behalf of the Board.

CHARLES MASON, *Secretary.*

On motion,

Resolved, That the same be referred to a Committee of five members to report thereon to-morrow morning, immediately after divine service.

The Rev. Messrs. Clark, Lee, Greenleaf, of the clergy, the Hon. Edward A. Newton, and Benjamin Howard, Esq. of the laity, were appointed to compose this Committee.

The Hon. Edward A. Newton, in behalf of Phineas Capen, Esq. Treasurer of the Massachusetts Board of Missions, presented his annual account, which was read.

On motion,

Resolved, That a Committee of three clergymen be appointed to nominate three clerical members of the Convention to be added to the Committee to whom the Annual Report of the Board of Missions has been referred. The Rev. Messrs. Howe, Babcock, and Ballard, were appointed to compose the Committee of nomination.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Convention now adjourn to reassemble this P. M. at half past 3 o'clock.

Trinity Church, Wednesday, June 8,
half past 3 *o'clock, P. M.*

The Convention reassembled pursuant to adjournment. The Right Rev. Dr. Griswold having taken the chair, the roll was called, and the Convention declared open for business.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Convention proceed to the election of a Treasurer.

The Rev. Messrs. Wells and M'Coy were appointed to collect the ballots, who, having attended to that duty, reported that the present incumbent was duly chosen.

Whereupon, the President declared the Rev. Isaac Boyle, D. D. of the city of Boston, reëlected Treasurer of the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church of Massachusetts, for the ensuing year.

The Rev. Mr. Howe, from the Committee appointed to nominate three clergymen to be added to the Committee to whom the report of the Board of Missions has been referred, returned the names of the following clergymen: The Rev. Nathaniel T. Bent, the Rev. John Woart, and the Rev. Daniel L. B. Goodwin.

On motion,

Resolved, That this Report be accepted.

The following Preamble and Resolutions having been offered by the Rev. Mr. Clark, were adopted by an unanimous vote of the Convention:

It having pleased Almighty God, in his wise providence, to remove from this world the Rev. James Morss, D. D. for many years an active and useful Presbyter of this Diocese,

Resolved, That the members of this Convention would record their deep sense of the loss sustained in this afflicting bereavement, by which the Church is deprived of the services of one of her most venerable and devoted friends, and the community of a valuable and respected citizen.

Resolved, That we sincerely sympathize with the family of the deceased, in their sore bereavement, and with the parish, who have been called to mourn for the death of a Pastor, who, for nearly forty years, has been to them a faithful guide, a true teacher, and an affectionate friend.

On motion,

Resolved, That the reading of Parochial Reports be now entered upon.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Rev. Alexander H. Vinton, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Boston, is a member of this Conven-

tion, and that he read his Parochial Report. The Rev. Mr. Watson, from the *Committee of Examination*, presented the following Report:

The Committeee of Examination, "to whom are referred all matters relative to the right of membership, the certificates of Lay Delegates, the incorporation of Churches, and their admission into union with the Convention," ask leave to report as follows:

That, of the Lay Delegates, all, whose certificates of election have been read, are entitled to seats:

That, of the Clergy, the following being actually and canonically resident within this Diocese, and otherwise qualified according to the third article of the Constitution, are entitled to seats:

The Right Rev. Alexander V. Griswold, D. D. Bishop of the Diocese, Rev. Ethan Allen, Rev. Samuel Babcock, Rev. Edward Ballard, Rev. Henry H. Bates, Rev. Alfred L. Baury, Rev. N. T. Bent, Rev. Henry Blackaller, Rev. S. Blaisdale, Rev. T. M. Clark, Rev. J. H. Clinch, Rev. Samuel Cutler, Rev. Theodore Edson, Rev. Samuel Fuller, Rev. D. L. B. Goodwin, Rev. Patrick H. Greenleaf, Rev. Samuel Hassard, Rev. Nicholas Hoppin, Rev. M. A. D'W. Howe, Rev. Thomas R. Lambert, Rev. Daniel Leach, Rev. Henry W. Lee, Rev. Charles Mason, Rev. S. McBurney, Rev. Amos D. McCoy, Rev. Samuel P. Parker, Rev. Jacob Pearson, Rev. G. M. Randall, Rev. J. P. Robinson, Rev. Samuel B. Shaw, Rev. Titus Strong, D. D. Rev. George Waters, Rev. John L. Watson, Rev. E. M. P. Wells, Rev. John Woart.

The following, though *actually* resident, yet not being *otherwise constitutionally qualified*, are not entitled to seats: Rev. Isaac Boyle, D. D., Rev. W. Cook, Rev. George Leeds, Rev. Theodore W. Snow, Rev. A. H. Vinton.

The following, though *canonically* resident, yet not being *actually* so, are not entitled to seats:

Rev. J. L. Blake, D. D. and Rev. E. J. Stearns, Deacon. With respect to the following, the Committee have not sufficient information to enable them to determine whether they are entitled to seats, or not:

Rev. F. A. Foxcroft, Rev. A. P. Merrill, Rev. F. C. Putnam, Rev. M. P. Stickney, Rev. F. A. Wadleigh, Rev. W. Withington, Rev. C. Wolcott.

Written evidence having been laid before this Committee of the organization of Saint Luke's Church, Lowell, in conformity

with the fourth article of the Constitution, and of its desire to be admitted into union with this Convention, and that it has acceded to the Constitution and Canons of this Church, the Committee recommend that it be so admitted.

Evidence has been laid before the Committee, that Mount Zion Church, Chelsea, desires to be admitted into union with this Convention, and that it accedes to the Canons and Constitution of the Church in the Diocese of Massachusetts; but, there being no evidence of its having been duly organized, according to the requisitions of the 4th article of the Constitution, the Committee cannot recommend that it be received. All which is respectfully submitted, for the Committee,

JOHN L. WATSON, *Chairman.*

On motion,

Resolved, That this Report be amended by inserting the names of the Rev. Alexander H. Vinton, M. D. and the Rev. Isaac Boyle, D. D, among the names of clergymen entitled to seats in this Convention.

On motion,

Resolved, That the report as amended, be accepted.

On motion,

Resolved, That St. Luke's Church, Lowell, be received into union with the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church of Massachusetts.

Whereupon, John Butterfield, M. D. Justus I. Blaisdell, M. D. and Mr. Elbridge G. Melendy, having presented a certificate of their appointment, which was read, took their seats as Delegates to this Convention from St. Luke's Church, Lowell.

The Secretary informed the Convention that he had appointed the Rev. Henry W. Lee, of Springfield, as his Assistant, and requested leave of absence on professional duty, till to-morrow morning, which was granted. The Rev. John P. Robinson, of Quincy, asked and obtained leave of absence for the remainder of the session.

The Treasurer of the Convention presented his Annual Account, which was read, and ordered to be printed with the Journal.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Convention proceed to the election of the Standing Committee.

The Rev. Messrs. Watson and Greenleaf were appointed to collect the ballots; who, having attended to that duty reported that the Convention had made choice of the Rev. T. M. Clark, Rev. J. L. Watson, and the Rev. A. H. Vinton, of the clergy; and Messrs. Sohier, Farley, and Rand, of the laity.

Whereupon, the President declared the following gentlemen duly elected:

Standing Committee.

CLERGY.	LAITY.
Rev. Thomas M. Clark,	William D. Sohier, Esq.
Rev. John L. Watson,	Robert Farley, Esq.
Rev. Alexander H. Vinton.	Edward S. Rand, Jr. Esq.

Dr. Elisha Thayer, a delegate from St. Paul's Church, Dedham, asked and obtained leave of absence for the remainder of the session.

On motion,

Resolved, That when this Convention adjourn, it shall meet to-morrow at 10 o'clock, A. M.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Convention proceed to the choice of delegates to the General Convention.

The Rev. Messrs. Ballard and Goodwin were appointed to collect the ballots; who, having attended to that duty, reported that the Convention had made choice of the Rev. Titus Strong, D. D. Rev. Messrs. Thomas M. Clark, John Woart, and Charles Mason, of the clergy; Hon. Edward A. Newton, Hon. R. C. Winthrop, Wm. Appleton and Benjamin Howard, Esqs. of the laity.

Whereupon, the President declared the following gentlemen duly elected:

Delegates to the General Convention.

CLERGY.	LAITY.
Rev. Titus Strong, D. D.	Hon. Edward A. Newton,
Rev. Thomas M. Clark,	Hon. Robert C. Winthrop,
Rev. John Woart,	William Appleton, Esq.
Rev. Charles Mason.	Benjamin Howard, Esq.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Convention now adjourn.

Trinity Church, Thursday, June 9, 10 *o'clock, A. M.*

The Convention assembled pursuant to adjournment, when, after morning prayer, by the Rev. Mr. Snow, the Right Rev. Dr. Griswold took the chair, the Secretary called the roll, and the Convention was declared open for business.

The Rev. Mr. Parker, from the *Executive* Committee, reported as preachers to the next Convention, the Rev. Henry W. Lee; Rev. Alexander H. Vinton, substitute. That the same be holden at St. Paul's Church, Boston, on the *second* Wednesday in June, 1843.

On motion,

Resolved, That this report be accepted.

The Committee to whom was referred the Annual Report of the Board of Missions, presented a Report, which, after several amendments, was adopted as follows:

The Committee, to whom was referred the Annual Report of the Board of Missions, with instructions to consider the whole subject of our Missionary operations in the State, and to suggest to the Convention such modifications of the present arrangement as may seem expedient, would respectfully report, that, after a careful examination, it is their opinion, that the existing plan is more efficient and generally satisfactory than any other which has yet been tried, or than any other which they are able to devise would probably be. They have, therefore, no alterations to propose.

Yet, with the view to carry out more effectually the advantages of the existing organization of the Board, they would recommend that the State be divided into four Districts or Associations. 1st. The Central, comprising the Churches in Boston, Charlestown, Cambridge, and Roxbury. 2d. The Eastern, comprising the Churches in the counties of Middlesex and Essex, other than those excepted. 3d. The Southern, including the Churches in the counties of Norfolk, (except St. James', at Roxbury,) Plymouth, Bristol, and Dukes; and 4th, the Western, comprising all the Churches in Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire, Franklin, and Berkshire; whose duty it shall be to watch over and promote the Missionary spirit in their respective Districts, and to confer with the Board in regard thereto.

And, further, that all monies paid into the Treasuries of the Associations shall be remitted to the Board, and no District Association shall have the right to give any direction to monies paid into its Treasury other than such as shall have been designated by the individual contributor or Church, and all monies received by any District Association, without such special appropriation, shall be remitted by such Association, as unappropriated funds, subject to the control of the Board of Missions.

They also recommend that these Associations form themselves into regular bodies, with officers, for the transaction of business, to meet as often as their convenience will permit, and take upon themselves the duty of promoting the objects of the Board within their respective limits, and remitting thereto, from time to time, the collections they may make for missionary purposes, domestic and foreign, with such directions respecting the disposal of the same as they may deem proper, and making such communications as they may consider interesting and important as to the state and character of the missionary feeling, and other interests, within their districts, and report formally an account of their doings annually, to be imbodied in the Annual Report of the Board to the Convention.

Such a system has been long tried by other bodies of Christians, and is yet in full operation, because it has been found so effectual for the accomplishment of its object. It is the system, essentially, of the Church Missionary Society, in England, one of the best managed institutions in the world. It combines the great advantage of union of purpose, with division of labor.

At any of the meetings of the several associations, it will be the duty of the Board to depute one of its members, or some other efficient person to attend, and aid in its business, when requested, and from to time, to make such suggestions and recommendations as the requirements and duty of the Church shall seem to render necessary.

It is further recommended that public meetings of the Board shall be held in Boston on the first Tuesday in October, January and April, and that Delegates be deputed from the several Associations to attend said meetings.

The Committee would further propose that the Convention ratify the doings of the Board of Missions, by which, in November last, this Board offered to act as the General Agent of *all* the Missionary operations of the Diocese, — it being expressly stated, that it was not their design or desire to control, or in any manner to give their own direction to the funds intrusted to their care, either for use, or for transmission. It is recommended to the Convention, that the Board of Missions be now constituted the Agent, through which all the Missionary funds of the State shall be passed, the above stipulation being clearly understood, namely: that all contributors shall have the power to direct in what manner their contributions shall be expended; thus making this Board an Auxiliary to the General Domestic and Foreign Committees of the Church. It is also recommended, that the Report of the Board of Missions, with the Treasurer's account, be inserted in the Journal of the Convention.

The Committee having been further empowered to nominate a Board of Missions for the ensuing year, would report the following list:

Of the Clergy:

The Rev. Messrs. Watson, Woart, Vinton, Mason, Greenleaf, and Clark.

Of the Laity:

Edward S. Rand,* B. P. Richardson, B. Howard.

In behalf of the Committee,

THOMAS M. CLARK, *Chairman.*

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* Declined serving.

The Committee of Examination presented the following additional Report:

The Committee of Examination, beg leave to report that they have now received satisfactory evidence of the organization of the parish of Mount Zion Church, Chelsea, and that the documents laid before them are in conformity with the requisitions of the fourth Article of the Constitution. For the Committee,

(Signed,) J. L. WATSON.

On motion,

Resolved, That Mount Zion Church, Chelsea, be received into union with the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church of Massachusetts.

Whereupon, Mr. Stephen D. Massey, and William Knapp, Esq. having presented a certificate of their appointment, which was read, took their seats as Delegates to this Convention, from Mount Zion Church, Chelsea.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Convention proceed to elect the Board of Missions for the year ensuing.

The Rev. Mr. Lee and John Edson, Esq. were appointed to collect the ballots, who, having attended to that duty, returned the following-named persons as elected: The Rev. Messrs. Watson, Woart, Vinton, Mason, Greenleaf, and Clark, of the clergy. Messrs. Appleton, Richardson, and Howard, of the laity.

Whereupon, the President declared the following gentlemen to be duly chosen the

Board of Missions.

CLERGY.	LAITY.
Rev. John L. Watson,	William Appleton, Esq.
Rev. John Woart,	Benjamin P. Richardson, Esq.
Rev. Alexander H. Vinton,	Benjamin Howard, Esq.
Rev. Charles Mason,	
Rev. Patrick H. Greenleaf,	
Rev. Thomas M. Clark.	

On motion,

Resolved, That there be one lay member added to the Board of Missions.

Whereupon, the Convention proceeded to a choice, when the Hon. Simon Greenleaf was declared by the President to be duly chosen.

On motion,

Resolved, That the first Rule of Order, which directs that "at the close of every day's session, appropriate collects from the Book of Common Prayer shall be read, and the benediction pronounced by the President," be rescinded.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Convention now adjourn to meet at half past 3 o'clock, P. M.

Trinity Church, Thursday,
June 9, *half past* 3 *o'clock, P. M.*

The Convention reassembled pursuant to adjournment. The Right Rev. Dr. Griswold having taken the Chair, the roll was called, and the Convention declared open for business.

The reading of Parochial Reports was resumed, and are here inserted, in pursuance of Canon VII. Sec. I. of the GENERAL CONVENTION.

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

Suffolk County.

Christ Church, Boston.

Baptisms: infants, 38; adults, 14; total, 52. Confirmed, 53. Marriages, 11. Burials, 17. Communicants: added, 45; whole number, 220. Sunday school, the same as at the last report. Missionary contributions, $180.

During the past year, the interior of this church has been painted, carpeted, and otherwise much improved.

J. Woart, *Rector.*

Trinity Church, Boston.

Baptisms: infants, 33; adults, 4; total, 37. Marriages, 8. Burials, 19. Confirmed, 20. Communicants: added, 41; died, or removed, 17; present number, about 350. Sunday school: teachers and scholars, about 150. Missionary contributions: for the Massachusetts Board of Missions, from the Ladies' Missionary Association, and other sources, $450; for the City Mission, $300; for other missions, Bangor, Michigan, &c. $390; for the support of the Episcopate, $311; other religious and charitable objects, $2875: whole amount, $4326.

John L. Watson, *Assistant Minister on the Greene Foundation, Trinity Church.*

St. Matthew's Church, South Boston.

Baptisms: infants, 17; adults, 2. Communicants: added, 7; died, or removed, 17; present number, 44. Confirmed, 11. Marriages, 6. Burials, 25. Sunday school scholars, 60. Missionary contributions: General Board, $61 07; (this sum includes $10 07 paid to the Rev. Mr. Barker, of Michigan, and $5 00 paid to the Rev. Mr. Lyster, of the same State; these payments, there-

fore, do not appear in the receipts of the Domestic Board.) Massachusetts Board, $10. Other contributions for religious purposes, $52 75. *Specification.*—$12 00 for Boston Episcopal City Mission; Easter Collection, $10 50; Communion Collections, $30 25.

This parish has suffered more than on any former year, by deaths and removals. The number of funerals is double that of any previously reported; while several large families have removed, some to other parts of the city, and some to other towns. The parish, on the whole, therefore, has been rather weakened than strengthened during the last Conventional year.

JOSEPH H. CLINCH, *Rector.*

St. Paul's Church, Boston.

The rectorship of this parish was about a year since made vacant by the resignation of the Rev. John S. Stone, D. D. and the present incumbent succeeded to his labors on the first Sunday of February last. Clerical services were, during that interval, supplied occasionally.

It has pleased God to pour out the dew of his blessing upon this parish; making fruitful, in a signal way, the seed so amply sown by its former most faithful minister.

While there have been very marked and unusual demonstrations of life, in the awakening of many to a first interest in religious things, there has been likewise, among elder Christians, evidence of the settled vigor which denotes increasing piety; so that the spiritual prosperity which was reported as characterizing the state of this parish at the last Convention does not seem to have abated.

It is true, indeed, that in the operations and gifts of benevolence, St. Paul's Church has not maintained during the year its own creditable standard. The want of pastoral services will, however, explain, and perhaps excuse, the defective performance of a duty which, more than any other, requires the stimulus of "line upon line, and precept upon precept." And we devoutly trust that the renewed vigor of spiritual life will show itself in enlarged effort for the cause and kingdom of Christ; which, while it is the most tangible, is, in a generation like this, the surest

proof of a thorough consecration to God. Very freely they have received, we trust that freely they will give.

The plan of stated religious services, besides those of the Lord's day, is as follows: the observance of the holy-days of the Church; a weekly meeting of adults for instruction in the doctrines of the Catechism; a lecture on every Wednesday evening in the chapel; a missionary meeting on the first Sunday evening of every month; and, "on convenient occasions," a meeting of the children of the parish, "openly in the church," for examination in the Catechism.

The annexed table furnishes the only statistics we have it in our power to give:

Baptisms during the year: of infants, 5; of adults, 4; total, 9; Confirmed, 49. Added to the Communion, 49; whole number of communicants, about 310. Marriages, 1. Burials, 4. Number of persons in the Sunday school: teachers, 30; pupils, 140. Number of Catechetical class between 80 and 90.

ALEXANDER H. VINTON, *Rector.*

Grace Church, Boston.

Baptisms: infants, 35; adults, 14; total, 49. Communicants: added, 46; died, or removed, 20; present number, 337. Confirmed, 26. Marriages, 19. Burials, 18. Sunday schools, 2; teachers, 50; scholars, 185. Missionary contributions: General Board, $400; Massachusetts Board, $200; City Mission, $200; Education of young men for the ministry, $235; Bible Society, $25; Prayer Books and Tracts, $50. Other contributions, $250: total, $1360.

In addition to the above sums, eleven hundred dollars have been subscribed towards the erection of a Free Mission Chapel, which, however, we have reason to fear will not be called for, the effort to erect such a chapel having failed of success.

A number of the young people of the parish have recently organized a Branch Sunday school, which is held in the Bedford Street Chapel, where, twelve years since, the congregation of Grace Church, assembled for worship.

The result of our efforts to interest those connected with the Sunday school in missionary operations is truly gratifying. Through the weekly contributions of the teachers and scholars,

we now support fifteen children in the Mission schools at Cape Palmas, at an expense of three hundred dollars, yearly.

The general condition of the parish remains in all respects much the same as during the preceding one or two years.

THOMAS M. CLARK, *Rector.*

Free Church of the Episcopal City Mission Society, Boston.

Baptisms, 30: infants, 27; adults, 3. Communicants: added, 9; died, or removed, 8; present number, 75. Confirmed, 13. Marriages, 8. Burials, 21. Sunday school: scholars, 120. Contributions: for the City Mission Society, $40; $27 received at the communion; $11 in the Sunday school; and $60 received from sources out of the congregation, have been distributed in charity.

The regular services of the Church have been held three times on each Sunday. An interesting Bible-class of adults is connected with the Sunday school; and a meeting of the teachers has been kept up with spirit, beside a weekly meeting of a more general character. An important part of the Missionary's labor is in visiting; in which much assistance has been rendered, the last winter, by a circle of ladies from St. Paul's Church. A sewing school, interesting and useful, has been kept in connection with the mission, by a number of ladies. The services of morning and afternoon are uniformly well attended; the number of persons averaging from one hundred and fifty to two hundred.

We have cause of thankfulness in the knowledge that good, much good has been done by the mission, but have still to lament that no more ample, convenient, or inviting accommodations and facilities have yet been, or are likely soon to be, provided for carrying on this labor of love. We are invited to occupy a field of extended usefulness, long white to harvest. But the means are not applied.

SAMUEL MCBURNEY, *Minister.*

Mount Zion Church, Chelsea.

This parish was organized on the 7th of September last, but no suitable place for public worship could be obtained in the village, till the 15th of November; when the hall now rented by the parish was secured. Since that time, divine service has been

performed every Sunday, by the neighboring clergy, with the assistance of a number of candidates for Holy Orders, who have officiated as lay readers, till the present time. The congregation feel under especial obligations to Mr. Emory M. Porter for his faithful services, and the untiring zeal which he has manifested for the interest of this infant parish.

The number of families, who may be said to be attached to the church, is from fifteen to twenty. Communicants, 17. Baptized, 1. Confirmed, 2. A Sunday school, and a Ladies' Sewing Circle have been organized, which, we trust, are doing good. It remains with the Church at large, to say whether this branch shall assume a standing with the neighboring churches.

The village now contains from 2000 to 2500 inhabitants, which has increased from about fifty, since July, 1833, when the ferry, which now connects it with the city of Boston, was opened. From present appearances, the increase of population will be larger than any former year. There are five other congregations beside our own, all of which are small, but the friends of the Church feel assured, if aid could be extended to them for a short time, a flourishing congregation could be raised, and the Church firmly established in Chelsea.

RUGGLES SLACK,
SAMUEL CLELAND, } *Wardens.*

Norfolk County.

St. Paul's Church, Dedham.

Baptisms: infants, 6. Marriages, 1. Deaths, 5. Communicants, 33. Sunday school, 40.

Of the three congregations in this village, the two that are Congregational in their forms, have always had such decided advantage of numbers and wealth, with other attractions, that numbers and wealth can present for new comers, that the Episcopal Church can make but slow progress, in increase, however onward may be the progress, in sobriety and reverence, of its individual members.

We continue to suffer much from the want of a new edifice,

while our prospect of obtaining one; is more, or no less remote, than it has been in years past.

With the hope, however, that the day is not far distant, when the stones that shall rebuild our sanctuary, shall be raised from the dust, we wait patiently. If the clerical brethren who stand on the *high* places of Zion, were occasionally willing to step down a little and lend a helping hand, for the sake of the good they might do, (not for the honor they might hope to obtain,) perhaps their labors and kindnesses, in feebler parishes, might in such wise be appreciated, that they would not afterwards regret the time and the toil they should thus expend. The Rector desires very gratefully to acknowledge here, the present of a beautiful gown, much needed, of which the donors are unknown.

S. B. Babcock, *Rector*.

St. James' Church, Roxbury.

Baptisms: infants, 16; adult, 1. Communicants: added, 23; died, or removed, 12; present number, 130. Confirmed, 24. Marriages, 4. Burials, 7. Sunday school, 103. Missionary contributions: $96 49; domestic, $11 75; foreign, $84 74. Other contributions, $10 09.

The religious condition of this parish was never more encouraging. Attendance on the services of the sanctuary is large, uniform, and serious. An effort has been made during the past year to settle the church debt, which, owing principally to the reverses suffered in the business world, has been but partially successful. The *effort*, however, has stayed, for the time, the religious charities of the parish, so that, though our congregation is larger than ever before, our benevolent contributions have been unusually small. It is much to be regretted, that the discharge of one duty is among men so often substituted for another; and, more deplorable still, when that which has superseded the other, fails also of execution. Seven hundred dollars have been raised by the Ladies of the Parish Church, for its relief. With this, and the transfer of some of our abundant pew property, sixteen hundred dollars of the debt has been discharged, and fourteen hundred more is in process of adjustment.

The congregation worshipping at St. John's Chapel, on Jamaica Plain, are without a minister. They are still part of St. James' parish, and under my pastoral care. Through the winter, I lectured in the Chapel on the Tuesday evening in each week, and on Thursday evenings, to the congregation of St. James'. For the last two months, the state of my health has compelled me to dispense with both these extra services. Jamaica Plain, is, in many respects, an inviting field of labor. Much good may be done there, and the present is a peculiarly favorable juncture for the effort. A resident minister is much wanted, and, any faithful and devoted man, acceptable to the worshippers, would be very cordially welcomed by me. Seventeen of the communicants reported above, worship at the chapel. Twenty-three of the Sabbath scholars, attend the school. Five and a half dollars of the charitable contribution were collected there.

I trust that the foundation of two efficient and flourishing parishes is laid in the town. If it please God to spare my life until they are both matured and established, I shall regard it as a special cause of gratitude, and feel that "I have not run in vain, nor labored in vain."

M. A. D'WOLFE HOWE,
Rector of St. James' Parish, Roxbury.

Essex County.

St. Paul's Church, Newburyport.

Baptisms: infants, 12; adults, 3. Communicants: added, 6; died, or removed, 3; present number, 103. Marriages, 5. Burials, 9. Sunday School: pupils, about 70. Missionary contributions, $99 18. Other contributions, $80 83. In addition to the number of burials, we have to record the death of our revered and beloved Pastor. On the morning of April 26th, his spirit left its earthly tabernacle for a brighter and better world. He preached for the last time in the morning of the first Sunday after Easter. For thirty-nine years, with but few exceptions, he was present at this Convention. During his ministry, 952 persons were baptized; 191 received the holy rite of confirmation; 164 couple married, and 450 consigned to the grave. Since his decease, our

church has been supplied by the neighboring clergy, and on them, for the present, we principally depend for the preaching of the gospel of Christ, and to break to us the bread of life. In our time of affliction, they have extended to us their sympathies and their labors; may the great Head of the Church pour upon them the continual dew of his blessing. This church has met with a loss, the greatness of which we do not yet realize. We are without a shepherd to watch over our souls. "Our strong staff is broken, and the beautiful rod." He is gone to return to his flock no more. May this affliction be sanctified to us, and may it lead us to reflect upon our approaching dissolution; and, during the short space allotted to our present existence, may we wisely employ our time in imitating his virtuous precepts and examples, that when we shall be called from the Church below, we may be received into the Church above, to partake in union with the souls of our departed Rector and friends, of those joys which endure forever.

In our afflictive bereavement, we ask the prayers of our Christian brethren, and especially of this Convention, in our behalf, that God would remember us in mercy, and that, in his own good time, he will raise up to us a successor, — a faithful servant of Jesus Christ, who will boldly make known to us the mystery of the gospel, and shun not to declare the whole counsel of God.

MOSES MERRILL,
NATHANIEL FOSTER, } *Wardens.*

St. Peter's Church, Salem.

Baptisms: infants, 13; adults, 7. Communicants: added, 19; died, or removed, 10; present number, 124. Confirmed, 15. Marriages, 5. Burials, 12. Sunday school: teachers, 18; scholars, 100. Missionary contributions: General Board, $277; State Missions, $71. Episcopal Fund, $30. For local charities, such as Orphan Asylums, &c. $228; for churches making direct application, $45; total, $651.

This church has enjoyed during the past year, through the divine blessing, increasing prosperity. At no period since the present Rector entered upon his duties, has greater unity of feeling and action been manifested. Our congregation has gained rapidly in number, and gives encouraging attention to the services

of the Church, and the preaching of the gospel. The interest of the people in Missionary and other charitable objects, appears to have gained strength. A plan of tract distribution has been adopted in connection with our Missionary collections, which has placed in the families of the parish during the past six months more than a thousand valuable tracts on a variety of subjects connected with the gospel and the Church, and promises to lead to the most important results.

CHARLES MASON, *Rector.*

St. James' Church, Amesbury.

Families: 30. Communicants, 24. Baptisms: 1 infant. Marriages, 1. Funerals, 2. Teachers in the Sunday school, 8; children, about 40; 2 classes of adults, 12. Missionary contributions, $8 92.

The condition of this church as far as respects its numbers and attendance, is nearly the same that it was a year ago. The pews (being only twenty-six,) are all let, and occupied by thirty families and twenty single persons; so that we cannot receive any accession to our numbers till wec an procure means for enlarging the church. Had we twice the number of sittings we now have, they would probably be all occupied in a short time after they were furnished, and a congregation be gathered sufficiently large for sustaining a clergyman. But, in our present situation, with a church so limited in its dimensions as to hold only half people enough for sustaining a minister, paying at the rate operatives usually do in this village, and having in our little congregation no factory agents or proprietors, or any other persons of a liberal income, we are sometimes tempted to give up our little Bethel as a forlorn hope.

Most of those, however, who compose our congregation are decidedly attached to the Episcopal Church, and cannot find among the prevailing denominations a substitute for her services. We, therefore, do hope that our more favored brethren of the Diocese will, by their liberality, enable us so to enlarge our church as to accommodate a congregation large enough for sustaining a clergyman.

The parish is still in debt to the amount of nearly $400. Efforts are now making, and have been, for six months past, by monthly contributions, and by the exertions of the Ladies' Sewing

Circle, to diminish this debt. Could the means of paying this debt be obtained, and a sum sufficient for enlarging the church, not so as to vie in appearance with the houses of the other denominations in the place, but so as to afford sittings for a congregation of 400 or 500 persons, a reasonable hope might be cherished that the Episcopal Church in Amesbury would eventually be sustained without always depending on Missionary aid.

This prospect has recently assumed a more encouraging aspect. A great religious awakening has prevailed in this vicinity, and the members of the Episcopal congregation have been deeply interested in it. In some of the extra meetings, which we found it expedient to hold, we were favored with the very acceptable services of the Rev. Mr. Horton, of Dover, N. H. and of the Rev. Mr. Wadleigh, of Guilford, Vt.

We hope that the present favorable indications of the spiritual prosperity of our little church will not be suffered to pass by, without establishing in its members the permanent graces and virtues of a Christian character.

For what we have seen in the sanctuary and in the social meeting, God be praised; and for the confirmation of our hopes in respect to the spiritual and temporal prosperity of our little church, we beg the devout prayers, as well as the fostering aid, of the members of this Convention.

SILAS BLAISDALE, *Minister.*

St. Michael's Church, Marblehead.

Baptisms: infants, 4; adults, 1; total, 5. Confirmed, 11. Funerals, 10. Communicants, 100.

Since the resignation of the Rev. Mr. Robinson, about Easter, the church has been destitute of a Rector. For the two months last past the church has been served by the subscriber.

M. P. STICKNEY.

Christ Church, Andover.

Baptisms: infants, 16; adults, 3; total, 19. Communicants: added, 17; removed, 10; present number, 67. Confirmed, 13. Marriages, 2. Burials, 5. Sunday school: scholars, 90; teachers, 12. Missionary contributions: General Board, $102 94, of which

sum $70 was from one family; Massachusetts Board, $41 34. Other contributions for religious purposes: Episcopal Fund, $16 19; Sunday school, $28 22; parish objects, $22 17.

During the past year, this church has, through the blessing of God, freed itself from one serious hindrance to its increase and prosperity. By a special and generous effort on the part of its members, a debt of $1250, which began to be oppressive and pernicious, contracted principally for the erection of the church, has been entirely extinguished, thus relieving the society from all pecuniary embarrassments, and giving it a degree of firmness and security it never before possessed. This effort, made by a people who are suffering from the present depressed state of manufactures, together with their other contributions, is a gratifying indication that they are strongly attached to the principles of their Church, and willing to make sacrifices in its behalf.

For the purpose of obtaining money for Missionary and charitable purposes, a plan has been adopted, which, after a trial of nine months, is found to be simple, convenient and successful. It is nothing more than availing ourselves of the provision the Church has made in her communion office for the reception of "alms and oblations." At our monthly communion seasons, the whole congregation is retained till after "the offertory," when a collection is taken for some object which was notified the preceding Lord's day. The prayer "for the whole state of Christ's church militant," is then offered, and persons who are not communicants, retire if they wish. Some of the collections are fixed to particular days, as the collection for Foreign Missions very appropriately to Christmas, and that for State Missions to Easter, while some of them are left to fluctuate according to circumstances. The plan has succeeded beyond expectation, and, as it secures so many advantages, it is hoped, will never be discontinued. It forms and cherishes the habit of giving — a habit essential to the growth and perfection of Christian character. It makes a religious act of our charities, as whatever may be contributed is solemnly consecrated to God in prayer. It opens an easy channel, through which our benevolence can steadily flow forth to supply the spiritual wants of those who are less favored than ourselves — a channel, which, so long as there shall be faith and prayer, will not become dry.

The Sunday School has, during the year, been improved by a valuable addition to its library, and by the acquisition of Catherwood's large and accurate map of modern Jerusalem. This, with Mitchell's map of the world, a map of the world as known to the ancients, a map of Palestine, and one of the journeyings of the Israelites, furnishes important facilities for illustrating an essential branch of Sunday school instruction — sacred geography. The school, however, is not in as vigorous a state as it would be, were the congregation more interested in its welfare, and could it be supplied with teachers whose attendance was uninterrupted and permanent. Fifty copies of the Children's Magazine, and five copies of the Journal of Christian Education are circulated, and are acceptable and useful.

The Parish Library, founded mainly for the purpose of forming a collection of books, which should exhibit, explain, and defend our peculiarities of doctrine and government, now numbers more than 200 volumes. Such a library is of great importance to this church, which is peculiarly exposed to opposition, misrepresentation and ridicule, and surrounded by an intelligent, educated and inquiring community. With means small and stinted, because its value is not duly appreciated, it has, however, already done good service, in diffusing light, in dispelling prejudice, in demolishing error, in reproving iniquity, in quickening piety and devotion to God; and could it be patronized as it deserves, would achieve more frequent and effective victories.

Among the individuals confirmed during the year, were three students in the Theological Seminary, who, though trained till within the last six months in systems avowedly adverse to the Episcopal Church, are now candidates for orders; two of them in this diocese.

Though there has been some additions both to the congregation and to the communion, yet as we have experienced some serious losses by removal, our numbers have not materially increased. Situated, however, as we are, we regard it as no small gain to have maintained our position, and to have had the satisfaction of seeing the gradual but certain diffusion of the leaven of truth and piety among the regular attendants upon our services. The Saviour hath promised that the progress of this spiritual transformation, thus commenced, shall be inevitable. This is one encour-

agement amidst poverty and change, toil and weakness, trial and infirmity. The young tree may not show either widely-spreading branches or many leaves and blossoms, much less a large measure of ripened fruit, yet, if its roots are striking down deep and strong, it may be the more certainly preparing for a shady and prolific maturity. In the vineyard of Christ, it is the business of one laborer to clear the ground and scatter the seed, while it is the privilege of another to reap the harvest. May the merciful Lord of the harvest give me and my worthy helpers in the congregation of which he has made me minister, grace so to plant, that others who come after may gather abundantly!

SAMUEL FULLER, *Rector.*

Middlesex County.

Christ's Church, Cambridge.

Baptisms: infants, 9; adults, 4. Communicants: added, 13; died, or removed, 6; present number, 51. Confirmed, 6. Marriages, 3. Burials, 7. Sunday scholars, 10. Contributions: General Board, $5. For deficiency of Bishop's salary, about $20 00. Communion offerings, $54 96. Ladies' Sewing Circle, $39 00.

N. HOPPIN, *Rector.*

St. Anne's Church, Lowell.

Baptisms: infants, 34; adults, 7; total, 41. Communicants: added, 18; died, or removed, 45, (of whom 42 were transferred to St. Luke's, Lowell;) present number, 235. Confirmed, 13. Marriages, 8. Burials, 18. Sunday scholars, 599. Missionary contributions: to the General Board, $159 00; to Massachusetts Board, $180 00. Other contributions for religious purposes, $299 00.

The foregoing is reported by request of the Rector of St. Anne's Church, whose labors have been suspended for a few months past on account of indisposition. His attached people

have great reason to regret his illness at this time, when his faithful services are exhibiting abundant fruit to the glory of divine grace.

GEORGE LEEDS,
Officiating Minister in the absence of the Rev. Mr. Edson, Rector.

St. Luke's Church, Lowell.

This Parish was duly organized on the 19th day of August last. On the 24th day of that month, the names of twenty-five communicants were transferred from St. Anne's Church, and subsequently seventeen have been transferred from the same Church, making in all, from that Church, forty-two communicants. Nineteen of these persons were worshippers in Chapel Hall, and confirmed before St. Luke's Church was organized, and consequently first enrolled on the list of communicants at St. Anne's Church.

Since the organization of this Parish, there have been, Baptisms: infants, 9; adults, 13; total, 22. Communicants: added to those who were transferred from St. Anne's, 38; removed, 2; present number, 78. Confirmed, 23. Marriages, 2. Burials, 5. A Sunday school has been organized and now numbers 95 scholars. A Sunday school library, containing 493 volumes, has been purchased by the congregation.

This Church yet suffers much from the very limited number that can be accommodated in the Hall. We rejoice, however, to state that seven thousand and five hundred dollars have been subscribed towards the erection of a convenient church, and the work of building is commenced. Within three or four months from this date, we hope to go into the basement of the church; and, if aided liberally by our Christian friends, we shall be able to consecrate this temple to God, as soon as next Christmas-day.

The congregation have attempted to meet the current expenses of the parish, this, the first year of their existence; but it has required very great personal sacrifices. Yet they have been made freely, and God has accepted the free-will offering at the hands of his people, and, by sending the continual dew of his blessings, has increased the graces of the Church, and continually added to their number.

AMOS D. McCOY, *Rector.*

St. John's Church, Charlestown.

* Baptisms: infants, 6; adults, 6; total, 12. Communicants: added, 52; died, 1; removed, 3; present number, 76. Confirmed, 31. Marriages, 1. Burials, 3. Sunday scholars, 101; teachers, 12; total, 113. Missionary contributions: Massachusetts Board, $50 00. Other contributions for charitable and parochial objects, $871 17. Total, $921 17.

When the undersigned came to this parish, in October last, he found a congregation, which had been gathered about eighteen months, occupying a hall, as a place of worship. A Sunday school of about sixty scholars was in operation, a church edifice nearly completed; and, though the parish had been without a minister for several months, Sunday services had been regularly held. Early in November, the new church was finished, a large and elegant organ erected, a vestry-room built, and the house prepared for public services. The building is of gothic architecture, has a tower and front of granite, contains 103 pews, is capable of seating about 800 persons, and is, in every respect, neat and convenient. On the 10th day of November, the Bishop of the Diocese, in the presence of a large number of the clergy and laity, consecrated this church by the name of St. John's Church, and on the 21st of the same month instituted the undersigned as Rector.

During the eight months past, the undersigned has officiated every Sunday, and, during the winter, has generally held a third service on Sunday evenings. He has maintained a Bible class and a meeting of Sunday school teachers, every week, beside occasional meetings for religious conversation and inquiry. He has established a communicants' meeting, monthly, and a monthly Missionary lecture. In addition to the usual Sunday services, he superintends the Sunday school, and teaches a class of young ladies.

The numbers of the Sunday school have much increased — the teaching is believed to be faithful, and the pupils seem inter-

* The above are the statistics for the seven months ending June, 1842. Prior to this, and not hitherto reported, are the following extracts from the parish records: Baptisms, 11. Communicants, 24. Marriages, 4. Burials, 1.

ested and attentive. The library, though small, is good, and the general interests of the school are prosperous.

The temporal affairs of the parish are believed to be in a good condition. The pews in the church are generally rented and well filled, and the congregations large and attentive. The church edifice is paid for, so far as the workmen and contractors are concerned; and though a considerable debt still remains to be ultimately paid, we believe it will be, if God continue to prosper us, faithfully paid and discharged.

On the 3d day of April last, the Bishop of the Diocese confirmed thirty-one persons in this parish; and from the great interest which has been manifested in religion, the Rector is happy to report its religious condition to be sound, healthy and prosperous.

The undersigned, upon a review of his labors in this parish, the past season, cannot but see abundant cause to "thank God and take courage."

P. H. GREENLEAF, *Rector.*

St. Mary's Church, Newton Lower Falls.

Baptisms: 13; infants, 10; adults, 3. Communicants: added 5; died, or removed, 4; present number, 126. Marriages, 4. Burials, 10. Sunday school scholars, 171; teachers, 21. Missionary contributions, $75; Massachusetts Board, $50; General Board, $25; Sunday School Society, $19; Bishop's Fund, $23; beside which, there have been liberal contributions to the temperance cause, and for various objects of local benevolence.

In presenting this, his *twentieth* Annual Report to the Convention, the Rector is devoutly thankful to Almighty God, that, for so many years, the relation of pastor and people has been sustained in continued harmony and affection; and that he is able to testify to the progressive improvement of his parish in respect both to its spiritual and temporal condition.

No confirmations are now reported; the Bishop's visit being appointed to take place after the meeting of this Convention, while several candidates are in readiness to be presented for that rite.

The Sunday school is large; and under the management of its excellent superintendent, aided by a band of devout and competent teachers, seems to be blessed by the great Head of the Church with tokens of His favor and approbation.

ALFRED L. BAURY, *Rector.*

Plymouth County.

St. Andrew's Church, Hanover.

The present Rector entered upon his duties in this parish, Nov. 7, 1841. During the *seven months*, there have been, Baptisms: children, 2; adults, 43; total, 45. Communicants: added, 70; died, or removed, 2; present number, 113. Confirmed, 64. Marriages, none. Burials, 12. Sunday school and Bible class, about 100. Missionary contributions: General Board for Africa, $20. Massachusetts Board, $20; for *Tracts* distributed monthly, $7 52; Bishop's Fund, *for deficiency*, $7 56; Bishop's Fund, *Annual Collection for* 1842, $12; Easter Collection, 1842, $13 02; Alms at communion, $10 30; expended by the Ladies' Sewing Society, for alteration of pulpit, reading-desk and chancel, about $75; for addition to the Episcopal Social Library, (now containing 286 vols.) $30 69; and for blinds to the church, $40. The members of the parish have also paid, or completed a subscription for the payment, of the only debt due from them, of about $140, being the balance due for painting the exterior of the church, and other small demands contracted previous to the time included in this report. The circulation of the Christian Witness and Church Advocate has been increased from seven or eight, to thirty copies, and it is believed it will be found a useful auxiliary in the promotion of evangelical truth.

It is with feelings of devout gratitude to God for the success which has attended his ministry in this parish, that the Rector makes his first report to the Convention. When he visited the parish in November, the church had been closed a few Sundays, and services had been held near the church by ministers of the Methodist and Baptist denominations. These, however, were discontinued soon after the commencement of his labors. An encouraging increase in the numbers who attended his ministry, and an attentive listening to the word preached, induced him to accept an invitation to remain until Easter. Early in January, there were perceptible indications of an awakened religious interest on the minds of a few persons; this gradually extended, until many were found inquiring the way of salvation. Believing that the

parishioners were in a state of mind to be profited by extra religious services, the assistance of some of his brethren was obtained early in the season of Lent, and their faithful exhibition and enforcement of the truth as it is in Jesus, was blessed by the Spirit of God in the building up of Zion. During Lent, services were held on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, and on Wednesday and Friday evenings, and every evening, save one, during Passion Week. In addition to the usual services on Sunday, we have a lecture on Wednesday evening, which is well attended; occasional religious meetings are also held at other times.

Having received and accepted an unanimous invitation to the Rectorship of this Church, the undersigned received priest's orders on Easter Monday, March 28, the Rev. T. M. Clark, Rector of Grace Church, and the Rev. John Woart, Rector of Christ Church, Boston, assisting in the services and in the laying on of hands. To both these brethren the parish of St. Andrew's is much indebted for their zeal in preaching Christ, on this and on other occasions; and they have the satisfaction to believe that their preaching was not in vain in the Lord; but that it was in demonstration of the Spirit and in power.

SAMUEL CUTLER, *Rector.*

Trinity Church, Marshfield.

Baptisms: none. Communicants: added, none; died, or removed, 4; present number, 10. Burials, 1.

This church is situated in a small village seven miles from Hanover, in which there are three settled ministers of the Congregational, Baptist, and Unitarian denominations.

The former Rectors of St. Andrew's Church, Hanover, have preached part of the time in this parish. I have there held three services, on Sunday evenings, since my connexion with St. Andrew's. And at the funeral of Capt. Luther Little, long known as a friend and generous supporter of the Church in Marshfield, I also preached to a large congregation.

Not deeming it for the interests of the Church in Hanover, or Marshfield, to omit our regular Sunday services at St. Andrew's, I have made an arrangement to hold a service every other Sunday through the summer, at 5 o'clock, P. M.

SAMUEL CUTLER.

Trinity Church, Bridgewater.

Baptisms: infants, 5; adults, 7. Communicants: added, 17; died, or removed, 6; present number, 59. Confirmed, 13. Marriages, 3. Burials, 13. Sunday school: scholars, 65. Missionary contributions: General Board, $20; Massachusetts Board, $10; Easter collections, $6; Bishop's Fund, $5; Monthly Offerings, $30.

During the last conventional year, this parish has materially suffered in its temporalities, by the reverses which have befallen some of its chief supporters. We are not aware, however, that this has operated to discourage its friends, much less to abate their interest in its welfare. On the contrary, we think we can perceive indications of a greater degree of oneness and attachment. We have always been of the opinion, that, in order to secure the efficiency of the ministry, and the stability of the parish, there should be with the communicants an onward progression, in the knowledge of the doctrines of Christ, and a steady, prayerful regard to "all godliness of living." To encourage such a state, I have for some months met the communicants, semi-monthly, on Monday evening, for the purpose of familiarizing their minds with the nature of their and my own duties and responsibilities. It is our intention to make this a permanent exercise, and propose a course of familiar instructions in the doctrines and principles of the Church. Surrounded as we are by heretical opinions, we deem such a course extremely desirable, that each communicant may be able to give a reason of the hope that is in him.

On the alternate Monday evening, I have been accustomed, for like reasons, to read Bishop Wilson's Evidences of Christianity to a class of young persons, accompanied with such familiar illustrations as may render them easy of apprehension to the humblest capacity. Besides the usual Sunday services, two, and sometimes three, other religious exercises in the lecture-room, or vicinity, have been continued through the year. A delightful measure of spiritual-mindedness succeeded the meeting of the Convocation in the winter, which the Lent exercises very much increased. A few were brought under convictions of sin, and have been, as we trust, truly renewed by the Holy Ghost. Circumstances of a painful nature followed, which injured the pious feelings that existed,

and it was not long before the newly-awakened interest subsided. At present, there seems to be a return to a better feeling, and our hope is, that the visit of our beloved Diocesan, in the month of August, will find us happily prepared for so rich a benefit.

The exertions which were found necessary in order to sustain the ministry, under our pecuniary embarrassments, operated, as will be perceived, to lessen the sums usually raised for other benevolent purposes. The Ladies' Sewing Circle, by their untiring efforts, raised, during the year, the sum of $90, which, with the monthly offerings, and monies received from the Massachusetts Board, which are gratefully acknowledged, enabled the parish to get through the year free of all incumbrances.

On hearing of the success which had attended the Missionary efforts of our worthy neighbors at Hanover, we were induced, in the month of February, to try a similar experiment. A Parochial Society was formed, and collectors sent out to obtain subscribers of a cent per week, for missionary and other purposes, at the option of the subscriber. To our surprise, on casting up the aggregate, we found an income of $90 for the year commencing with February. About $50 of this is for missionary purposes. Of this amount, $20 have been pledged to the General Board for Foreign Missions; $10 of which were sent last month, and $10 to the Massachusetts Board.

Upon the whole, we have much to encourage us, for which we would be devoutly thankful to the God and Father of all our mercies.

HENRY BLACKALLER, *Rector.*

Bristol County.

St. Thomas' Church, Taunton.

Baptisms: infants, 22; adults, 2. Communicants: added, 19; removed, 5; present number, 84. Confirmed, 14. Marriage, 1. Burials, 5. Sunday school scholars, 125. Missionary contributions: General Board, $50; Massachusetts Board, $50. Other contributions for religious purposes: Bible Society, Sunday school, &c. $52; Ladies' contribution to repairs of church, $150.

Since the last Convention, this parish has suffered the loss of its

Rector, the Rev. Edmund Neville, who resigned the parish for a field of labor, in Philadelphia. His loss was severely felt, and the prosperity which the parish had enjoyed under his faithful and able ministry was checked by his resignation, and the few succeeding months were marked by comparative discouragement and depression. But, through the blessing of God, the check has proved temporary. The subscriber took the resident charge of St. Thomas' in November last, and, at Easter, entered on the duties of Rector. The winter was one of very encouraging prosperity, and the parish has never felt itself so strong as now. A number of families have recently joined the congregation, and the church, though enlarged from its former dimensions, has but few good sittings unoccupied. The attendance on all the services is good. The season of Lent was observed by such services as the Church contemplates for that season, and was a period of decided spiritual increase.

The various parochial institutions are doing well, and the missionary contributions have been diminished from those of the two former years only by the unsettled condition of the parish as to its Rector, and by the large contributions necessary to complete the repairs on the church edifice, now one of the most convenient and beautiful in the Diocese.

The financial affairs of the parish are prosperous; the support of the Church as cheerful as it is liberal; unusual harmony marks the movements of the people in all their present arrangements; the prejudices of the community against the Church are yielding here, as elsewhere, and, through a succession of trials, the parish seems to have reached the point of a stable and influential existence. And, chiefly, the grace of God is so evidently dispensed amongst us, as to make us feel that the promise is to us.

N. T. BENT, *Rector.*

Grace Church, New Bedford.

I took charge of this Church in October last, at the solicitation of its Vestry, and at Easter, accepted an invitation to become its Rector. The parish had, from its commencement, been laboring under the disadvantage of a very heavy debt, but during the ad-

ministration of my predecessor, the Rev. Mr. Snow, it was entirely relieved, and is now in a prosperous condition. The Right Rev. the Bishop of the Diocese, visited us a few weeks after I entered upon my duties, and confirmed six, twelve having received this apostolic rite at his hands, about three months previous.

Baptisms: infants, 12; adults, 4. Marriages, 2. Burials, 5. Communicants: added, 13; total, 70. Sunday school scholars, 130; teachers, 26.

THOMAS R. LAMBERT, *Rector.*

From June, 1840, to August, 1841, the time of my resigning the parish, there were Baptisms, 14. Confirmations, 16. Marriages, 2. Deaths, 3.

T. W. SNOW.

Church of the Ascension, Fall River.

Marriages, 5. Burials, 12. Baptisms, 7; adults, 3; infants, 4. Contributions: Sunday school, $15; Missions: Foreign, $1; Massachusetts Board, $30. Sunday school: scholars, 127; teachers, 24, with superintendent and librarian. Communicants: added, 22; removed, 4; present number, 80.

This parish is at present in a very promising condition. The congregation has increased very considerably during the past year. Our Sunday school never was so large, and never more interesting than now. Several of the scholars are candidates for confirmation. The Church debt has been somewhat reduced since the last report, by the liberal contributions of both ladies and gentlemen of the parish. On the fifth Sunday after Easter, I baptized the three adults above reported; these individuals were from the three great divisions of the human family. One was a scholar in the Sunday school, another in middle age, and the third was eighty-four years old. The increase of the communion has been such as clearly to indicate that God's blessing has rested upon our labors, and to His name be the praise. Less than four years ago, the number of communicants in this infant parish, was 30. The present number is 80.

GEO. M. RANDALL, *Rector.*

Worcester County.

St. John's Church, Wilkinsonville.

Baptisms: infants, 2; adults, 15. Communicants: added, 23; died, or removed, 6; present number, 87. Confirmed, 31. Marriages, 3. Burials, 9. Sunday school scholars, 75. Missionary contributions: General Board, $23 16; Massachusetts Board, $27 58.

Four of the above adult baptisms were by immersion. Baptism has been administered in this mode by the Rector of this Church, on seven different occasions, and three times during the past year. Those mentioned above as added to the Church, are each new communicants.

The number who attend public worship continues to be small; two thirds, probably, of the adults being professedly religious people. The Rector's salary remains the same as in former years, $300; and the extent of the parish seems not to warrant any increase of it.

But, though our numbers are small, yet the Lord has not overlooked us in dispensing spiritual blessings. A large proportion, particularly of our young people, have, we trust, turned to the Lord, and have joined the fellowship of his flock. Whatever has been done, either by minister or people, to extend the Redeemer's kingdom among us, seems to have been eminently owned and blessed. Though there is certainly much to lament in our spiritual state, both as individuals and as a community, yet we feel bound to acknowledge that the Lord is very good and gracious to us.

Several of our young people have recently presented to the Church an elegant Bible, the one formerly used having been merely loaned for the purpose.

A gown, too, has been presented to the Rector by the ladies of the parish.

To replenish the Sunday school library, a subscription of about $20 has been recently raised.

These acts of generosity are the more worthy of notice, as they are performed chiefly by those who have no other income than their daily earnings.

DANIEL L. B. GOODWIN.

Christ Church, Clappville.

The undersigned commenced officiating in Christ Church, Clappville, in December, 1841.

The general features of this parish remain nearly the same as they were reported to the last Convention. The usual attendance at church, improves, though it is yet much smaller than the population of the village is capable of affording.

The number of families attending church, 32. Communicants, 34. Marriages, none. Baptisms: adults, 2. Burials, 3. Communicants: added 4. Sunday school scholars, 25; teachers, 4.

Besides regular services on Sundays and week-days, at Clappville, a sermon has been regularly preached once in a fortnight, at the village of Cherry Valley, to very respectable and attentive congregations.

The prospects of this parish seem a little gloomy, but there are still in it pious Christians, whom discouragements never move, whose reverential prayers and pious deeds are so united as to move the gratitude of their minister, and to evince that Christ's spirit abides in his Church.

FERNANDO C. PUTNAM, *Officiating Minister.*

Hampden County.

Christ Church, Springfield.

Baptisms: infants, 4; adults, 4. Communicants: added, 30; died, or removed, 11; present number, 70. Confirmed, 17. Marriages, 7. Burials, 6. Sunday school scholars, 50. Missionary contributions: General Board, $12; Massachusetts Board, $29. Other contributions for religious purposes: Church at Clinton, Michigan, $22 50; Sunday school library, Convention expenses, indigent parishioners, and other parish objects, $88 73. Total contributions, $152 23.

In addition to these contributions, about $700 have been paid for an organ, including $420 which was reported at the last Con-

vention, but was not then applied. Besides this, about $400 have been recently raised, by subscriptions in the parish, towards the church debt.

The plan of weekly offerings has been commenced in the Sunday school, and by this means $16 of the $29, paid to the Massachusetts Board of Missions, has been contributed. The scholars are much interested in the plan, and it promises more than has been already realized.

The number confirmed, the additions to the communion, and the amount of contributions, have been greater the past year than in any previous one. The same is true in regard to deaths and removals. More would have been contributed for objects out of the parish, were we not obliged to pay interest upon the debt, which amounts to no inconsiderable sum. It is expected that it will be reduced gradually; and until it shall be entirely cancelled, it is hoped that the interest of the people in missionary objects will not be estimated by the amounts given in aid of them.

During the year, the usual services have been regularly held, and the holy days of the Church observed. The season of Lent was one of unwonted religious interest, the frequent services being well attended, and, as we hope, blessed to the souls of the people.

This parish is yet in its infancy; but we trust, that under the smiles of the Great Head of the Church, it will grow and thrive, and be a blessing to many generations.

HENRY W. LEE, *Rector.*

St. Mark's Church, Blandford.

Although but few individuals in this parish have professed publicly their faith in the Redeemer, during the last year, still, through the influence of the prescribed services of the Church, the circulation of religious tracts, catechetical instruction, and frequent visiting from house to house, there has been an increasing attachment to the principles of the Church, and a marked interest in the truths of the gospel. It is expected that several individuals will be confirmed when the Bishop shall visit us.

The fact, that from this parish, through the instrumentality of the Board of Missions, many individuals have been gathered into the fold of Christ, and are now exerting a salutary influence for the Church in the distant portions of our country, shows the friends

of Missions that He, who commands us to cast our bread upon the waters, is ever faithful to his promise.

From the frequent demand for the book of Common Prayer, and anxious inquiries in respect to the nature and necessity of the sacraments, we feel confident that the continued benevolent efforts and earnest prayers in behalf of this people, will ere long receive abundantly the divine blessing.

Baptisms: infants, 1; adults, 1. Communicants: removed, 1; present number, 3. Burials, 9. Sunday school scholars, 40; teachers, 6. Missionary contributions: Massachusetts Board, $5 50. Protestant Episcopal Tract Society, $2. Other contributions, $8.

HENRY H. BATES, *Rector.*

Franklin County.

St. James' Church, Greenfield.

Baptisms: infants, 13; adults, 2; total, 15. Communicants: died, or removed, 11; added, 10: present number, 69. Burials, 13. Marriages, 7. Confirmations, 8. Sunday school scholars, 50; Bible class, 15. Missionary contributions, $40. Contributions for other purposes, $300.

During the last year, the usual services have been performed by the Rector in this church; and, although an extraordinary number of deaths and removals has occurred among the communicants, still, the general condition of the parish is comparatively prosperous. The Bishop has visited us twice since the last Convention, and on both occasions the holy rite of confirmation was administered. A new organ has been procured during the year, and a commendable spirit in sustaining religious exercises is manifested by the people.

T. STRONG, *Rector.*

St. John's Church, Ashfield.

Baptisms: infants, 1. Communicants: added, 1; removed, 1; present number, 31. Marriages, 3. Burials, 3. Sunday school: scholars, 50. Contributions: Massachusetts Board, $4. Other religious purposes, $8 50.

Through the goodness of God, the spiritual condition of this parish is more encouraging than it has been at any period of the ministration of the undersigned. An unwonted interest has been manifested in the attention accorded to all the services, especially those of the Bible class and Sunday school.

Since the last Convention, the ladies have organized a Sewing Society, through which they have presented a valuable gown to their Rector, and encouraged the expectation of increased zeal for divine things, and increased effort to advance them.

JACOB PEARSON, *Rector.*

Berkshire County.

St. Luke's Church, Lanesborough.

Baptisms: children, 3; adults, 1; total, 4. Communicants: added, 4; died, or removed, 3; present number, 64. Confirmed, 4. Burials, 6. Bible classes, 3, consisting of thirty of the youth of the congregation. Sunday school, 66; including Bible classes, 96. Amounts raised the past year, including appropriations for Missions, Episcopal visitation, Sunday school, and the extinguishment of the debt incurred in the building of the new church, $756 70. The monthly communion offerings are not included in this sum.

The Rector of this parish is happy to say, that its condition is more prosperous than at any former period of his connection with it. Although the sphere of labor comprises a gradually diminishing population of less than 1200 souls, attached to four religious denominations, nevertheless, by the blessing of God, the Church has steadily advanced, in numbers and influence, and has outlived whatever of prejudice or opposition which may have existed against her forms, her doctrines, and her peculiar claims. The present season, all the children and youth of the parish, without a single exception, are connected with the Sunday school and Bible classes, and it is hoped and believed, that the efforts made for their moral and religious improvement, will exert a happy influence upon their own and the Church's prosperity.

The choir of singers connected with this parish, under the

direction of William T. Filly, Esq. who plays the organ, and devotes one evening a week to their instruction gratuitously, is large and well trained, and performs with great acceptance the music of the Church.

The objects which have presented their claims upon her liberality, have been exceedingly numerous, and it should be borne in mind in justification of her not responding to every call, that even during her infant existence and seasons of subsequent depression, she has ever relied under God upon her own resources, and that the annual burden during the last eleven years imposed upon her members, has averaged more than $1200.

SAMUEL BRENTON SHAW, *Rector.*

St. James' Church, Great Barrington.

Baptisms: adults, 5; children, 5; total, 10. Communicants: added, 5; died, 5; present number, 79. Confirmed, 4. Marriages, 4. Burials, 17. Sunday school, 75 scholars. Religious and charitable contributions, $135.

The contributions made by this parish during the last three years, have been entirely devoted to their own wants; excepting the small sum that has been annually raised for the Bishop's Fund. Having been much reduced by the formation of a new parish at Van Deusenville, their wants were many, and their means limited. Within the last three years a large amount of necessaries for the Church and Sunday school has been purchased; and it has taken all the monies raised by the Ladies' Society, and the stated offerings of the Church.

The last year, also, has brought considerable pecuniary embarrassment to the members of the parish. These facts will explain, in some measure, why this Church has given nothing to the cause of Missions. Still, it must be confessed, that there prevails extensively in the parish the opinion that charity begins at home, and ends there. It is hoped that more correct and enlarged views may soon be entertained, and that the members of our Church and congregation may be convinced that he that watereth, shall be watered also himself.

S. HASSARD, *Rector.*

Trinity Church, Lenox.

Baptisms: infants, 2. Communicants: added, 3; whole number, 27. Marriages, 2. Burials, 6. Sunday school: scholars, 20. Contributions to General Board for Foreign Missions, $8 50; Massachusetts Board, $8. Special attention has been given to the study of the Bible, and a portion of time on Sunday or some evening of the week has been continually devoted to this work. The few who faithfully adhere to the distinctive principles of the Church in connection with this parish, have also evinced during the past year an attentive and serious interest in the ministrations of the Word. While, for several years of late, they have been destitute of a pastor, death and removal has been continually lessening their numbers. But, though now the additions are few, an increasing spirituality, it is believed, has been created, which may yet ripen into the fruits of Christian life, and a rising importance has been acquired for our peculiar institutions in this prominent town and enlightened community. May God grant His blessing to this little flock, and give them the continual presence of His Holy Spirit.

GEORGE WATERS, *Minister.*

Trinity Church, Van Deusenville.

Baptisms: infants, 2. Communicants: added, 5; died, 1; present number, 50. Confirmed, 5. Marriages, 5. Burials, 2. Sunday school scholars, 40. Massachusetts Board of Missions, $5; Easter Collections, $5; Episcopal Fund, $6 11. Other objects, $10.

I was compelled by sickness to suspend my labors in this church, from the last part of June till Easter. The Rev. Robert M. Chapman kindly supplied the pulpit from July till November; and the Rev. George Waters from November till Easter, with the exception of a few Sundays, on which there was Lay-reading. By reason of these fluctuations, and more especially in consequence of not having enjoyed the parochial services of a clergyman, since its organization as a separate parish, the spiritual and temporal interests of this Church have suffered much. But the present ecclesiastical year has been begun with renewed zeal. Many in the parish are making great sacrifices to uphold the

Church. From this time I undertake the whole care of the parish, whereas, hitherto, I have ministered only on Sunday to the sick. So far as a desire to hear the preached word, and to have the full services of a clergyman, indicate seriousness, there are such indications in the congregation. For more than this, my trust is in God, "who giveth more grace," and who has promised to bless the Church of his own founding.

S. P. PARKER, *Minister.*

St. Stephen's Church, Pittsfield.

Baptisms: infants, 3; adults, 2. Communicants: added, 10; died, or removed, 11; present number, 63. Confirmed, 4. Marriage, 1. Burials, 9. Sunday school: scholars, 52. Missionary contributions: General Board, $250; Massachusetts Board, $63 65; Sunday school library, $18 37; Convention Fund, $10 50; total, $342 42.

The favorable condition of this parish, mentioned in the last report, has been continued, to the increase of its prosperity. The demand for sittings in the church has been such as to occasion some inconvenience in furnishing the requisite supply: and the readiness of the people to meet the wants of their minister, in enlarging his support, has been a gratifying evidence of their regard for his services, and is, at the same time, a good token of their ability to sustain all needful burdens for the maintenance of the gospel. There have been some indications of an increase of attention to spiritual pursuits, and some have been united to the communion, who appear to walk worthy of their vocation; and there are others who are looking forward with interest to the same great privilege. There are two Bible classes, which, with the Sunday school, are in successful operation, and will offer the usual amount of benefit to the members. The weekly offerings are continued on every Sunday, instead of monthly as heretofore; and thus far, with an increase of liberality in the amount contributed. We rejoice and take courage in the belief that "hitherto hath the Lord helped us."

EDWARD BALLARD, *Rector.*

St. Paul's Church, Stockbridge.

Communicants: added, 1; present number, 20. Confirmed, 1. Marriages, 4. Burials, 2. Sunday school scholars, 23. Contributions to General Board of Missions, $8 75; Massachusetts Board, $5 35; relief of families of reformed drunkards, $7 37; gift of Ladies' Sewing Society, for Easter Collections, $5; for Episcopal Fund, $5. For other benevolent objects, $55 54.

No material change has taken place in this parish the past year. Its prospects, as those at Van Deusenville, are brightening from like cause, namely, the expectation of enjoying the parochial services, which I have been prevented from giving them, during the last six years, by the necessary care of a boarding-school. An encouraging attendance on public worship, and serious attention while there, strengthen me in the trust, that here, likewise, as in my other parish, God has yet better things in store.

S. P. PARKER, *Minister.*

St. Paul's Church, Otis.

The concerns, both temporal and spiritual, of this Church, do not differ materially from what they have been for several years past. There are a considerable number of families, (more than fifty) nominally attached to the Church; so that there are not wanting materials for a very respectable congregation, could they be induced to a regular attendance on divine worship.

From its commencement in this place, the Church has had to struggle hard against combined opposition; and though, at times, that opposition seemed to be giving way, yet it may be questioned, I think, whether the opposing spirit has, in any material degree, been diminished. Within the past two years, special exertions have been made to break the society utterly down. But it lives, and we trust in God it will live. We are perplexed, and that perplexity has crippled our exertions; but we are not in despair. Those attached to our Church from principle, and sincerely attached, are few indeed, yet going forward in the conscientious discharge of our duty, we have the encouragement—"it may be that the Lord will work for us, for there is no restraint to the Lord

to save by many or by few." With gratitude to the Church for aid already received, we ask her prayers and her continued helping hand, for we are poor withal. Our poverty is not the least considerable of our trials. Baptisms, 1. Funerals, 5. Added to the Communion, 1.

ETHAN ALLEN, *Rector.*

To the Right Rev. ALEXANDER V. GRISWOLD, D. D., *Bishop of the Eastern Diocese:*

The undersigned, in compliance with a Canon of the General Convention of 1835, "requiring every clergyman, not regularly settled in any parish or church, to report to the ecclesiastical authority of his Diocese, the occasional services he may have performed," reports, that, from the date of his ordination as Deacon, May 12, 1841, to Nov. 7, 1841, at which time he commenced his labors in the parish of St. Andrew's, Hanover, he preached *fifty* sermons at *fifteen* different places in Massachusetts, Maine, New Hampshire, and Vermont. Performed the funeral service on *two* occasions for the Rector of Christ Church, Boston, and *once* for the Rector of Grace Church, Boston. Solemnized *one* marriage in Christ Church, Boston, and baptized *three* children in Christ Church, Guilford, Vermont.

SAMUEL CUTLER.

To the Right Rev. ALEXANDER V. GRISWOLD, D. D. *Bishop of the Eastern Diocese:*

In compliance with the charge imposed by Canon on a clergyman without cure, I submit this account of my official performances, the past year.

I officiated the last time, as statedly charged with the duty, at South Leicester, the first Sunday in December. Being somewhat enfeebled in health, and having a multitude of domestic cares, I had nothing for several weeks to do falling within the scope of this report.

Jan. 29th, I performed the funeral service over the remains of a young woman in Charlton. Feb 3d, preached at a clerical meeting convoked by the Rev. Mr. Lee, at Springfield. Feb. 6th, preached one sermon at Christ Church, Springfield. Feb. 25th, baptized, in Charlton, a young woman, sister of the one above-mentioned, in private; she being very sick (as appeared afterwards)

with her last sickness. April 7th, Fast Day; officiated at Christ Church, South Leicester. April 10th, Sunday; officiated at the Church in Blandford, and delivered a lecture the next evening. April 17th, Sunday; officiated (service and sermon) at Christ Church, South Leicester. April 27th, officiated (three services) at Warehouse Point, Ct. May 8, officiated (two services) at Christ Church, Boston. May 22d, officiated (two services) at St. Paul's, Dedham. May 29th, officiated at Mount Zion Church, Chelsea.

The above, I believe, is all I have to communicate in this form: All which is respectfully submitted.

WM. WITHINGTON.

A communication addressed to the Convention of Massachusetts, was then read by the Secretary, from a Committee of the Convention of the Eastern Diocese, appointed for that purpose; whereupon,

On motion,

Resolved, That it does not appear to this Convention that there is any thing in the Bishop's last Annual Address to his Diocese, calling for the action of this Convention; and that the communication now made be filed with the papers of the Convention, but not entered on the Journal.

The Right Rev. the Bishop being about to leave the city, on an official visitation to Rhode Island, was unable to give his further attendance upon the business of the Convention, and retired, after calling the Rev. Mr. Clark to the Chair, who was subsequently chosen President, *pro tem.*

The following Preamble and Resolutions were then presented and read:

Whereas, this Convention has duly considered that part of the Bishop's Address to the last Convention of the Eastern Diocese, relating to the appointment of an Assistant Bishop for the Diocese of Massachusetts, *Resolved*, That this Convention respectfully and affectionately assure our venerated Bishop, that we are entirely satisfied with the services he is now rendering, and has so long

and so faithfully rendered us, — and so far from desiring to have any further or other Episcopal services than he is accustomed to afford, we expressly desire that we may remain under his exclusive charge, while his health and strength shall continue.

Resolved, That a copy of this Resolution, authenticated by the Acting President and the Secretary of the Convention, be communicated to the Bishop.

On motion,

Resolved, That the same be adopted: which passed *unanimously*.

The Rev. Mr. Watson having proposed a revision of article III. of the Constitution of the Church in Massachusetts,

On motion,

Resolved, That the subject be referred to a Committee of three gentlemen, to report thereon at the next Annual Convention.

Whereupon, the following persons were appointed to compose this Committee: William D. Sohier, Esq. Edward S. Rand, Jr. Esq. and the Rev. John L. Watson.

The Secretary laid before the Convention the following communication from the Secretary of the Convention of the Eastern Diocese.

The Financial Committee would respectfully report to the Convention, that, upon examination, they find that, since the year 1836, there has been every year a deficiency in the sum annually pledged by the Convention of the Eastern Diocese towards the Bishop's support; which deficiency, at the present time, amounts to about the sum of thirteen hundred dollars. And they recommend that collections be taken in all the churches in the Diocese on or before the second Sunday in December next, to be appropriated to the payment of this deficiency. And they also recommend that the Treasurer of the Episcopal Fund be requested to cause circulars, containing the above recommendation, to be distributed to the several churches in the Diocese. And the Financial Committee further recommend that, in order to prevent such deficiency in future years, the several State Conventions, at their

next annual meetings, be requested to assume, and cause to be collected and paid to the Treasurer of the Episcopal Fund, the said annual sum of one thousand dollars, in the following proportions, namely: Massachusetts, six hundred and fifty dollars; Rhode Island, three hundred dollars; and Maine, fifty dollars: and that the Secretary of this Convention be requested to communicate the above to the Secretaries of the State Conventions of Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and Maine.

JAMES C. MERRILL,
ALFRED L. BAURY,
IRA CLEVELAND,
} *Committee.*

September 29, 1841.

On motion,

Resolved, That this communication be referred to the Committee of *Finance.*

Several of that Committee being absent,

On motion,

Resolved, That two members be added to the same. Whereupon, Edward H. Robbins, Esq. and the Hon. Edward A. Newton were duly appointed.

On motion,

Resolved, That the preamble and resolutions of this Convention, having reference to the Rev. James Morss, D. D. deceased, late Rector of St. Paul's Church, Newburyport, be communicated by the Secretary to the family of the departed, and that a copy of the same be also transmitted to the parish over which he so long presided.

The Rev. Mr. Ballard, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the communication of the Secretary of the Convention of the Eastern Diocese, presented the following Report:

The Committee of Finance report to the Convention, that upon consideration of the communication from the Secretary of the Eastern Diocese, concerning the deficiency in the Bishop's salary, they recommend that collections be made in all the Churches in this Diocese, on or before the second Sunday in December next, to be appropriated to the payment of this deficiency. They also

recommend that the Treasurer of the Episcopal Fund be requested to cause circulars, containing the above recommendation, to be distributed to the several Churches in the Diocese. They recommend, further, that the Convention assume the obligation to raise $650 per annum, toward the Bishop's support, and will appeal to the respective parishes in the Diocese, to contribute to this purpose according to their ability.

For the Committee, EDWARD BALLARD, *Chairman.*

On motion,

Resolved, That this Report be accepted.

The following Report was also submitted by the Committee of Finance to the Convention, and adopted:

The Committee on Finance report that they have received applications for defraying the travelling expenses in attending this Convention, from the following persons, and recommend, that the sums affixed to their names be paid by the Treasurer out of the contingent fund of the Convention:

Rev. Mr. Shaw,	$10 00
Rev. Mr. Blaisdale,	3 50
Rev. Mr. Pearson,	10 00
Rev. Mr. Parker,	10 00
Rev. Mr. Ballard,	10 00
Rev. Mr. Lee,	3 00
Rev. Mr. Randall,	4 00
Rev. Mr. Waters,	10 00

On motion,

Resolved, That the Convention now take a recess of twenty minutes, to afford the members of the Society for the relief of the widows and orphans of deceased clergymen of the Protestant Episcopal Church of Massachusetts, an opportunity of attending an adjourned meeting of the same.

After which, the Convention came to order and proceeded to business.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Resolution rescinding the last clause in the first Rule of Order, be reconsidered.

The Committee appointed by a former Convention, to whom the subject of securing funds for the better support of a clergyman who shall officiate in Christ Church, Cambridge, was continued, and

On motion,

Resolved, That, in consequence of the decease of a member of said Committee, and the resignation of another, that these vacancies be now supplied.

Whereupon, the Rev. Mr. Hoppin, and the Hon. Simon Greenleaf, were duly chosen.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Secretary and Treasurer be a Committee to publish the Journal of the Convention, and that they cause the usual number of copies to be printed. The minutes of the Convention were then read and approved.

On motion,

Resolved, That, after the customary devotional exercises by the President, the Convention adjourn *sine die*.

Adjourned accordingly.

Attest, ALFRED L. BAURY, *Secretary*.

On the afternoon preceding the meeting of the Convention, Grace Church was opened for divine service, when prayers were read by the Rev. Mr. Clark, the Rector, and a sermon preached by the Rev. James Milnor, D. D. of New York. In the evening, divine service was again held in the same church, when the Rev. Dr. Milnor read prayers, and the Rev. Manton Eastburn, D. D. of New York, preached. On Wednesday morning, at 8 o'clock, there were religious services at the chapel of St. Paul's Church, and the congregation addressed by the Rev. John S. Stone, D. D. of Brooklyn, New York, and the Rev. John H. Hobart, Missionary at Prairie Village, Wisconsin. On

the evening of Convention-day a missionary meeting was held in Grace Church in aid of the Massachusetts Board of Missions. After prayers by the Rev. Mr. Clark, the Rev. Mr. Mason, Secretary of the Board, read a Report, exhibiting its operations during the past year, and the present condition of the Treasury. The Rev. Henry W. Lee, of Springfield, and the Rev. Dr. Eastburn, then addressed the congregation.

On Thursday morning, at 8 o'clock, there was a missionary meeting at the chapel of St. Paul's Church, in behalf of the General Board of Foreign Missions, and addresses delivered by the Rev. Dr. Milnor and the Rev. Dr. Eastburn. In the afternoon, St. Paul's Church was open for divine service, when prayers were read and a sermon preached by the Rev. Dr. Stone. A meeting was held in the evening at the same church for the promotion of the cause of Foreign Missions. After prayers by the Rev. Mr. Lee, addresses were made by the Rev. John A. Vaughan, D. D. Secretary and General Agent of the Foreign Committee of the Board of Missions, the Rev. Dr. Milnor, and the Rev. Alexander H. Vinton, of Boston.

Appendix.

ABSTRACT OF THE PAROCHIAL REPORTS.....JUNE, 1842.

Counties.	Towns.	Churches.	Ministers.	Baptisms.			Communicants.			Confirmed.	Marriages.	Burials.	Sunday S. Scholars.	Missionary Contributions.		Other contributions for religious purposes.	Other missionary contrib'tions reported
				Infants.	Adults.	Total.	Added.	Died, or removed.	Present Number.					Gen'l Board.	Mass. Board.		
Suffolk	Boston	Christ	John Woart	38	14	52	45	*	220	53	11	17	250	‡	‡	‡	180 00
		Trinity	John L. Watson	33	4	37	41	17	350	20	8	19	150	‡	150 00	2875 00	690 00
		St. Matthew's	Joseph H. Clinch	17	2	19	7	77	44	11	6	25	60	61 07	10 00	52 75	
		St. Paul's	A. H. Vinton	5	4	9	49	‡	310	49	1	4	140	‡	‡	‡	‡
		Grace	Thomas M. Clark	35	14	49	46	20	337	26	19	18	185	400 00	200 00	560 00	200 00
		Free Church	Samuel McBurney	27	3	30	9	8	75	13	8	21	120	‡	‡	38 00	40 00
	Chelsea	Mount Zion	Vacant	*	*	1	‡	‡	17	2	‡			‡	‡		
Norfolk	Quincy	Christ	John P. Robinson	§	§	§	§	§	†40	§	§	§	§	§	§	§	§
	Dedham	St. Paul's	Samuel B. Babcock	6	‡	6	‡	‡	33	‡	1	5	40	‡	‡	‡	‡
	Roxbury	St. James'	M. A. D'W. Howe	16	1	17	23	12	130	24	4	7	103	96 49	‡	10 09	
Essex	Newburyport	St. Paul's	Vacant	12	3	15	6	3	103	‡	5	9	70	‡	‡	80 83	99 18
	Salem	St. Peter's	Charles Mason	13	7	20	19	10	124	15	5	12	160	277 00	71 00	258 00	45 00
	Marblehead	St. Michael's	M. P. Stickney	4	1	5	‡	‡	100	11	‡	10	‡	‡	‡	‡	‡
	Amesbury	St. James'	Silas Blaisdale	1	‡	1	‡	‡	24	‡	1	2	40	‡	‡	‡	8 92
	Andover	Christ	Samuel Fuller,	16	3	19	17	10	67	13	2	5	90	102 94	41 34	66 58	
	Lynn	Christ	Vacant	§	§	§	§	§	‡‡30	§	§	§‡‡	45	§	§	§	§
	Ipswich	Christ	Vacant	§	§	§	§	§	17	§	§	§	†25	§	§	§	§
Middlesex	Cambridge	Christ	N. Hoppin	9	4	13	13	6	51	6	3	7	10	5 00	‡	113 96	
	Lowell	St. Anne's	Theodore Edson	34	7	41	18	45	235	13	8	18	599	159 00	180 00	299 00	
		St. Luke's	Amos D. McCoy	9	13	22	38	2	78	23	2	5	95	‡	‡	‡	
	Charlestown	St. John's	P. H. Greenleaf	17	6	23	52	4	76	31	1	3	101	‡	50 00	871 17	
	Hopkinton	St. Paul's	Vacant	§	§	§	§	§	‖10	§	§	§	§	§	§	§	
	Newton L. Falls	St. Mary's	Alfred L. Baury	10	3	13	5	4	126	0	4	10	171	25 00	50 00	70 79	
Hampshire	Northampton	St. John's	Vacant	§	§	§	§	§	¶16	§	§	*	§	‡‡24	§	§	
Plymouth	Hanover	St. Andrew's	S. Cutler	2	43	45	70	2	113	64	0	12	100	20 00	20 00	145 79	
	Marshfield	Trinity	S. Cutler	0	0	0	0	4	10	‡	‡	1	‡	‡	‡	‡	
	Bridgewater	Trinity	Henry Blackaller	5	7	12	17	6	59	13	3	13	64	20 00	10 00	41 00	
Bristol	Taunton	St. Thomas'	N. T. Bent	22	2	24	19	5	84	14	1	5	125	50 00	50 00	52 00	
	New Bedford	Grace	T. R. Lambert	12	4	16	13	‡	70	18	2	5	130	‡	‡	‡	
	Fall River	Ascension	George M. Randall	4	3	7	22	4	80	‡	5	12	127	1 00	30 00	15 00	
Worcester	Clappville	Christ	F. C. Putnam	‡	2	2	4	‡	34	‡	0	3	25	‡	‡	‡	
	Wilkinsonville	St. John's	Dan'l L. B. Goodwin	2	15	17	23	6	87	31	3	9	75	23 16	27 53	20 00	
Hampden	Springfield	Christ	Henry W. Lee	4	4	8	30	11	70	17	7	6	50	12 00	29 00	111 23	
	Blandford	St. Mark's	Henry H. Bates	1	1	2	‡	2	3	‡	‡	9	40	5 50	‡	10 00	
Franklin	Greenfield	St. James'	Titus Strong, D. D.	13	2	15	10	11	69	8	7	13	50	‡	‡	309 00	40 00
	Montague	Trinity	Vacant	§	§	§	§	§	**9	§	§	§	§	§	§	§	
	Ashfield	St. John's	Jacob Pearson	1	‡	1	1	1	31	‡	‡	3	50	‡	4 00	8 50	
Berkshire	Otis	St. Paul's	Ethan Allen	*	*	1	1	‡	††14	‡	‡	‡	††35	‡	‡	‡	
	Lenox	Trinity	George Waters	2	‡	2	3	‡	27	‡	‡	2	20	8 50	8 00	‡	
	Lanesborough	St. Luke's	Samuel B. Shaw	3	1	4	4	3	64	4	‡	6	96	‡	‡	756 70	
	Great Barrington	St. James'	Samuel Hassard	5	5	10	5	5	79	4	4	17	75	‡	‡	135 00	
	Van Deusenville	Trinity	Samuel P. Parker	2	‡	2	5	1	50	5	5	2	40	‡	5 00	21 11	
	Pittsfield	St. Stephen's	Edward Ballard	3	2	5	10	11	63	4	1	9	52	250 00	63 65	28 87	
	Stockbridge	St. Paul's	Samuel P. Parker	‡	‡	‡	1	‡	20	1	4	2	23	8 75	5 35	72 91	
Nantucket	Nantucket	Trinity	F. W. J. Pollard	§	§	§	§	§	††15	§	§	§	††70	§	§	§	
				383	180	565	426	290	3554	493	136	330	3965	1625 41	1304 92	7004 28	1303 10

FORM OF PAROCHIAL REPORT, AS AMENDED AND ADOPTED BY THE CONVENTION OF 1840.

Church.	Place.	Minister.	Baptisms.		Communicants.			Confirmed.	Marriages.	Burials.	Sunday School Scholars.	Missionary Contributions.		Other contributions for religious purposes, each object to be particularly specified.
			Infants.	Adults.	Added.	Died, or removed.	Present Number.					General Board.	Mass. Board.	

N. B. It is expected that the clergyman will make such observations as to give a comprehensive view of the state of his parish and of his ministerial services during the past year.

Dr. BOARD OF MISSIONS *of the Protestant Episcopal Church of*

To cash paid for missionary services in the following Parishes, from 1st July, 1841, to 1st July, 1842:		
Ashfield, St. John's,	$75 00	
Andover, Christ Church,	145 15	
Amesbury, St. James',	120 00	
Blandford, St. Mark's,	137 50	
Bridgewater, Trinity,	100 00	
Clappville, Christ,	138 00	
Charlestown, St. John's, including all arrearages,	660 00	
Fall River, Ascension, " " "	325 00	
Lenox, Trinity,	100 00	
Lynn and Nantucket, including arrearages,	180 00	
Otis, St. Paul's,	150 00	
Springfield, Christ,	275 00	
		2405 65
Amount remitted to the Treasurer of the General Board for Domestic Missions,	202 38	
Do. do. Foreign Missions,	550 88	
Do. do. American Bible Society,	25 00	
Do. do. Boston City Mission,	50 00	
		828 26
Sundry expenses,		10 00
Balance to new account,		7 87
		3251 78

Massachusetts, in Account with PHINEAS CAPEN, *Treasurer.* *Cr.*

By amount from following sources, from June, 1841, to June, 1842:	State Missions.	General Domestic.	Foreign.	Various Objects.	Total Amount
Balance of former account,	25 86				25 86
Andover, Christ Church,	30 15				30 15
Amesbury, St. James',	8 92				8 92
Boston, St. Matthew's,	10 00				10 00
" Trinity,	296 04	50 00		City Mis'n 50 00	396 04
" Grace,	200 00	100 00	150 00	Bible So'y 25 00	475 00
" St. Paul's,	600 00		36 00		636 00
Also, public meetings in Boston:					
One at St. Paul's Church,	79 25				
Three at Grace,	182 31	- - -	- - - -	- - - -	289 86
One at Christ,	28 30				
Blandford, St. Mark's,	5 50				5 50
Bridgewater, Trinity,	10 00		20 00		30 00
Charlestown, St. John's,	50 00				50 00
Cambridge, Christ,	00		5 00		5 00
Fall River, Ascension,	30 00		1 00		31 00
Hanover, St. Andrew's,	20 00		20 00		40 00
Lowell, St. Anne's,	180 00	48 00	30 00		258 00
Lenox, Trinity,	8 00		8 50		16 50
Lanesboro', St. Luke's,	15 00				15 00
Newburyport, St. Paul's,	70 00				70 00
New Bedford, Grace,	21 00				21 00
Newton L. Falls, St. Mary's,	50 00				50 00
Northampton, St. John's,	5 00				5 00
Pittsfield, St. Stephen's,	63 65		250 00		313 65
Salem, St. Peter's,	71 00		15 00		86 00
Stockbridge, St. Paul's,	5 35	4 38	4 37		14 10
Springfield, Christ,	29 00		12 00		41 00
Taunton, St. Thomas',	50 00				50 00
Van Deusenville, Trinity,	5 00				5 00
Wilkinsonville, St. John's,	27 58				27 58
Worcester, a friend,	3 00				3 00
Several individuals,	22 62				22 62
Orders of Right Rev. Bishop Griswold, on Treasurer of Easter Collections,	220 00				220 00
	2422 53	202 38	551 87	75 00	3251 78

Errors Excepted.

Boston, June 9th, 1842.

PHINEAS CAPEN, *Treasurer.*

Dr....Convention *of Prot. Episcopal Church in Massachusetts, in account with* Isaac Boyle, *Treasurer*....Cr.

1841.			
June 9.	To amount paid the following clergymen, by order of Convention, for travelling expenses.		
	Rev. Mr. Pearson, - - - -	$5 00	
	Mr. Blaisdale, - - - - -	9 00	
	Dr. Strong, - - - - -	4 00	
	Mr. Withington, - - - -	2 50	
	Mr. McBurney, - - - -	6 00	
	Mr. Blackaller, - - - -	6 00	
	Mr. Fuller, - - - - -	8 00	
	Mr. Randall, - - - - -	10 00	$50 50
	(Voucher No. 1.)		
July 9.	J. B. Dow's bill printing, Journal of 1841, (2,)		106 31
Oct. 2.	Rev. Dr. Anthon, for quota of the Diocese of Mass., due the General Convention, (3,) -		37 50
Nov. 16.	J. B. Dow's bill printing rules of order, (4,) - -		6 50
1842.			
June 17.	Rev. Dr. Morss, for travelling expenses to General Convention, (5,) - - - - - -		20 00
Feb. 21.	Rev. Dr. Strong, do. do. (6,) - -		20 00
Mar. 29.	Copying records of Convention for 1841, (7,) -		14 00
June 8.	Postages, &c. of Secretary and Treasurer, - -		2 08
" 9.	Balance transferred to new account, - -		271 03
			$527 92

1841.			
June 21.	By balance of old account, - - - - - -		$265 17
1842.			
	Amount received for contingent expenses under Canon of 1828, from the following churches:		
June 6.	St. Paul's, Boston, - - -	$45 00	
" 7.	Christ Church, Cambridge. - -	7 50	
" "	Trinity, Bridgewater, - - -	5 00	
" "	St. Stephen's, Pittsfield, - - -	10 50	
" 8.	St. Mark's, Blandford, - -	3 00	
" "	Trinity, Van Deusenville, - -	4 50	
" "	St. Paul's, Stockbridge, - -	3 00	
" "	St. Peter's, Salem, - - - -	12 00	
" "	Christ Church, Andover, - -	9 00	
" "	St. Paul's, Dedham, - - -	7 75	
" "	St. James's, Amesbury, - - -	3 00	
" "	St. John's, Wilkinsonville, - -	4 50	
" "	Christ Church, Springfield, - -	9 00	
" "	Grace, New Bedford, - - -	15 00	
" "	St. John's, Charlestown, - -	18 00	
" "	St. Anne's, Lowell, - - - -	15 00	
" "	Christ Church, Boston, - -	15 00	
" "	Church of the Ascension, Fall River,	6 00	
" "	Christ Church, Clappville, - -	1 50	
" "	St. Paul's, Newburyport, - - -	10 00	
" "	Grace, Boston, - - - - -	20 00	
" "	Trinity, Boston, - - - - -	37 50	
" "	Trinity, Lenox, - - - - -	1 00	262 75
	Boston, June 9, 1842.		$527 92

Errors Excepted.

ISAAC BOYLE, *Treasurer.*

It is necessary, by the Canon of 1828, to name the following churches, from which nothing has been received for contingent expenses: Christ Church, Quincy; St. James's Roxbury; St. Michael's, Marblehead; St. Mary's, Newton Lower Falls; St. Andrew's, Hanover; St. James's, Greenfield; St. Luke's, Lanesborough; and St. James's, Great Barrington.

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A Secretary shall be chosen upon the assembling of the Annual Convention, from among the members thereof, who shall remain in office until the meeting of the next Convention.

ARTICLE VII.

The members of the Convention present on due notification, and duly organized, shall constitute a quorum to transact the ordinary business of the Convention. The Clergy and lay delegates shall deliberate as one body, and vote as such, except when a division is called for; in which case, a concurrence of both orders shall be necessary to carry any measure. All elections shall be by ballot, unless otherwise ordered by the Convention.

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There shall be a Standing Committee, to consist of six members; three clergymen and three laymen. They shall keep regular minutes of their proceedings, and shall report the same annually to the Convention. A majority shall be a quorum.

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or regularly officiating in some parish within this Commonwealth; or being a President, Professor, Tutor, or Instructor in some College or Seminary of learning, and performing clerical functions; or being a Missionary under the direction of the ecclesiastical authority of this Commonwealth, or a Chaplain in the army or navy of the United States, or in any benevolent or other public institution, shall be entitled to a seat and vote in the Convention, if he have been actually as well as canonically resident within this State for the space of six calendar months next before the meeting of the Convention, and has, for the same period, been employed in performing the duties of his station, or have been canonically instituted. Provided, however, that no clergyman, otherwise entitled to a seat and vote in the Convention, shall by reason of advanced years, or infirm health, or temporary absence, be divested of such privilege.

Every parish in this Commonwealth in union with this Convention, shall be entitled to send to the Convention a lay delegate, or delegates, not exceeding three, a certificate of whose appointment, signed by the Wardens or Parish Clerk, shall, before his or their admission to a seat, be laid before the Convention. Provided, that no person shall be competent to serve as a lay delegate, unless he be a stated worshipper in the parish which he represents. The delegation from each parish shall be entitled, on a division, by orders, to but one vote.

ARTICLE IV.

New parishes may be admitted into union with this Convention, on motion, by a majority of votes, provided they shall have laid before the Convention written evidence, subscribed by the Wardens and Vestry, that they are duly organized, and accede to the Constitution and Canons of this Church.

ARTICLE V.

The Bishop of this Diocese shall preside in the Convention. But, in case of a vacancy, or necessary absence, the members shall elect a president from among the clergy.

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Canon of 1828,

Respecting Contingent Expenses.

It shall be the duty of every parish in this State, after the first day of January, 1829, to raise and send to the Treasurer of the Convention, to defray the contingent expenses of the Church in this State, a sum of money annually, which shall be as much as *one per centum and one half of one per centum* on the salary of its minister: and those parishes which are destitute of a clergyman, and which are represented by lay delegates in the Convention, shall pay at least five dollars annually, or send a certified copy of a vote that they are unable to pay the same; and it shall be the duty of the Treasurer, to certify in his Annual Report, what parishes have neglected to comply with the requisitions of this Canon. The money thus raised and paid into the treasury of the Convention, shall be subject to appropriation by a majority of the votes of the Standing Committee, Secretary, and Treasurer of the Convention; and the following appropriations shall always be deemed proper, namely, to pay the travelling expenses of the Bishop to this Convention; to pay the travelling expenses of such clerical members of the Convention as cannot afford to pay the same, not exceeding ten dollars to any clergyman in one year; to pay the travelling expenses of the clerical delegates to the General Triennial Convention, not exceeding twenty-five dollars to each clerical delegate; to pay to the delegates of the Church in this State to the General Convention, such sums as shall enable them to pay the quota assessed on the several churches in this State by each General Convention, for the contingent expenses thereof; and to pay for publishing the Journals of this Convention, and such other publications as shall be published by order of this Convention; and every parish shall be entitled to five copies at least, of every publication printed by order of the Convention.

Canon of the General Convention of 1835,

On the mode of securing an accurate view of the state of the Church from time to time.

SECTION 1. As a full and accurate view of the state of the Church, from time to time, is highly useful and necessary, it is hereby ordered that every Minister of this Church shall present, or cause to be delivered, on or before the first day of every annual Convention, to the Bishop of the Diocese, or, where there is no Bishop, to the President of the Convention, a statement of the number of baptisms, confirmations, marriages, and funerals, and of the number of communicants in his parish or church, and of all other matters that may throw light on the state of the same; and these parochial reports, or such parts of them as the Bishop shall think fit, shall be read and entered on the journals of the Convention. And every other clergyman not regularly settled in any parish or church, shall also report to the ecclesiastical authority of his Diocese, the occasional services he may have performed; and, if he have performed no such services, the causes or reasons which have prevented the same.

Notice.

The next Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church of Massachusetts will be held in St. Paul's Church, Boston, on the *second* Wednesday of June, 1843, at 9 o'clock, A. M.

ALFRED L. BAURY,
Secretary of the Convention.

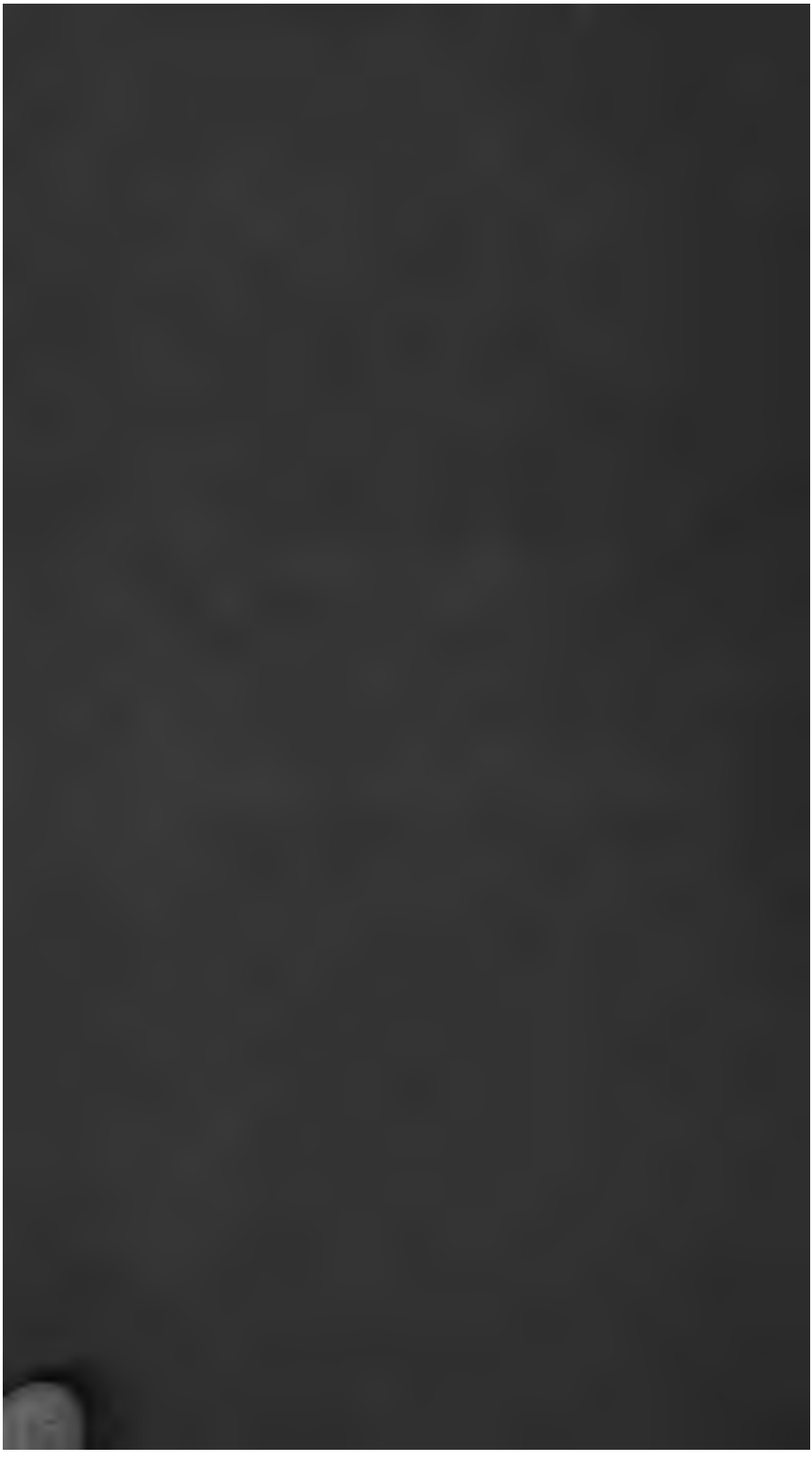
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Boston, June 14, 1843.

THIS being the time and place appointed for the meeting of the Annual Convention of the Diocese of Massachusetts, the Rt. Rev. the Bishop, with several of the clergy and lay delegates, assembled in St. Paul's Church, at 9 o'clock, A. M.

The Bishop having taken the chair, directed a list of such of the Clergy of the Diocese as are entitled to seats, to be called by the Secretary, when the following appeared and answered to their names:

The Rt. Rev. MANTON EASTBURN, D. D.

The	Rev.	Samuel B. Babcock,	The	Rev.	Nicholas Hoppin,
"	"	Edward Ballard,	"	"	M. A. DeWolfe Howe,
"	"	W. S. Bartlett,	"	"	Thomas R. Lambert,
"	"	Alfred L. Baury,	"	"	Daniel Leach,
"	"	Nathaniel T. Bent,	"	"	Henry W. Lee,
"	"	Henry Blackaller,	"	"	Charles Mason,
"	"	Silas Blaisdale,	"	"	Amos D. McCoy,
"	"	Isaac Boyle, D. D.,	"	"	Samuel P. Parker,
"	"	Darius R. Brewer,	"	"	Jacob Pearson,
"	"	Thomas M. Clark,	"	"	John P. Robinson,
"	"	Joseph H. Clinch,	"	"	Samuel B. Shaw,
"	"	Samuel Cutler,	"	"	M. P. Stickney,
"	"	John S. Davenport,	"	"	T. W. Snow,
"	"	Asa Eaton, D. D.,	"	"	Titus Strong, D. D.,
"	"	Theodore Edson,	"	"	Alexander H. Vinton,
"	"	Samuel Fuller, D. D.,	"	"	John L. Watson,
"	"	D. L. B. Goodwin,	"	"	E. M. P. Wells,
"	"	P. H. Greenleaf,	"	"	John Woart.
"	"	Samuel Hassard,			

The certificates of Lay Delegates* to the Convention were then presented and read, as follows:

Trinity Church, Boston. William D. Sohier, George M. Dexter, and George C. Shattuck, Jr., M. D.

St. Paul's Church, Boston. Edward S. Rand, Jr., Jeremiah Mason, and James C. Dunn.

Christ Church, Boston. James Salter, Charles P. Gordon, and Charles Williams.

Grace Church, Boston. Otis Daniell, Benjamin Howard, and Israel Lombard.

St. Matthew's Church, South Boston. William Johnston, and *Edward H. Brainard.*

St. Mary's Church, Newton Lower Falls. Ezra Warren, and Luther Crane.

Trinity Church, Bridgewater. John Edson.

Christ Church, Andover. John Derby, George Clark, and *Samuel Gray.*

St. James's Church, Amesbury. Stephen Webster.

Christ Church, Lynn. Edward S. Davis, *John Bowler*, and *James B. Davis.*

St. Thomas's Church, Taunton. Lewis R. Chesbrough, Lovett Morse, and William A. Crocker.

St. James's Church, Great Barrington. Samuel Rossiter, John M. Hurlburt, and Caspar Hollenbeck.

St. Paul's Church, Newburyport. Edward S. Rand, Nathaniel Foster, and George T. Granger.

St. Peter's Church, Salem. Joseph Adams, J. S. Harrison, and *William O. Andrews.*

St. John's Church, Charlestown. Phineas Capen, George A. Kettell, and John Curtis, Jr.

St. Anne's Church, Lowell. James Cook, and Joshua Swan.

St. Luke's Church, Lowell. John Butterfield, M. D., William Kittredge, and *Peter Taylor.*

* Those gentlemen whose names are in *italics* are believed not to have been present at the Convention.

Mount Zion Church, Chelsea. David Granger, Andrew Smith, and Samuel Cleland.

Christ Church, Springfield. E. D. Beach, *John B. Stebbins*, and *Francis B. Bacon.*

St. Paul's Church, Dedham. Ira Cleaveland, Elisha Thayer, and *Samuel Swett.*

St. Stephen's Church, Pittsfield. Edward A. Newton, *Hosea Merrill, Jr.* and Samuel H. P. Lee, Jr.

St. James's Church, Roxbury. Francis Hilliard, Ebenezer Rhodes, and William Raymond Lee.

St. Andrew's Church, Hanover. Henry Bowers, George Curtis, and Lemuel C. Waterman.

Christ Church, Cambridge. Isaac Lum.

Church of the Ascension, Fall River. William Langford, Nathaniel Munday, and *Richard W. Batt.*

Grace Church, New Bedford. Thomas Riddell, *George Macomber*, and Joseph Ward.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Convention now proceed to elect a Secretary.

The Rev. Alfred L. Baury declined being a candidate for reelection.

The Bishop appointed the Rev. Mr. Snow, and S. H. P. Lee, Esq. to receive and canvass the votes; who, having attended to that duty, reported that there was no choice of a person to fill the office of Secretary. Whereupon, a second balloting was ordered, when it appeared that the Rev. HENRY W. LEE, Rector of Christ Church, Springfield, was elected Secretary.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Hoppin,

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention be presented to the Rev. Alfred L. Baury, for the able and faithful manner in which, for the last ten years, he has discharged the duties of Secretary of this Convention.

The following Committees were then appointed by the Bishop, in accordance with the Standing Rules of Order:

1. *Committee of Examination.* The Rev. John L. Watson, the Rev. E. M. P. Wells, and the Hon. Edward A. Newton.

2. *Committee of Finance.* The Rev. Edward Ballard, Benjamin Howard, and E. D. Beach, Esqrs.

3. *Executive Committee.* The Rev. Samuel P. Parker, the Rev. Joseph H. Clinch, and the Rev. T. M. Clark.

On motion,

Resolved, That the business of the Convention be suspended, for the purpose of attending divine service.

Morning prayer was then read by the Rev. Jacob Pearson, Rector of St. John's Church, Ashfield, assisted by the Rev. T. W. Snow, Missionary in the Southern District of the Diocese, who read the Lessons. The Ante-Communion Service was read by the Bishop, the Rev. Mr. Snow reading the Epistle. The Rt. Rev. the Bishop then delivered his Primary Charge; after which a collection was made at the Offertory, in aid of the Society for the Relief of the Widows and Orphans of deceased Clergymen of the Diocese. The Holy Communion was then administered by the Bishop, assisted by the Rev. Titus Strong, D. D. Rector of St. James's, Greenfield, and the Rev. Messrs. Pearson and Snow.

The congregation having retired, the Bishop took the chair, and declared the Convention open for business.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Rules of Order be referred to a committee of three.

The Chair appointed the Rev. Mr. Watson, the Rev. Mr. Vinton, and John Edson, Esq.

The Rev. Mr. Clark, Secretary of the Standing Committee, presented the following

Report:

The Standing Committee of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Massachusetts, in accordance with the requisi-

tion of the eighth article of the Constitution, respectfully submit to the Convention the following report of their proceedings during the past year.

The Committee have held regular monthly meetings, beside several special meetings at the call of the Bishop.

Testimonials have been signed in favor of the following persons applying to be admitted as candidates for Holy Orders: Nathaniel G. Allen, Daniel G. Estes, George D. Miles, James L. Scott, George W. Porter, James Jackson, Horatio Merrill, George H. Clark, Thornton W. Clapp, and Wm. B. Corbin.

Testimonials have been signed in favor of the following persons applying for recommendation for admission to Deacon's Orders: Emery M. Porter, Samuel A. Taylor, Wm. A. White, Edward A. Renouf, Robert T. S. Lowell, Darius R. Brewer, and Ferdinand E. White, Jr.

Testimonials have been signed in favor of the following persons applying for recommendation for admission to Priest's Orders: the Rev. Moses P. Stickney, and the Rev. Justin Field, Jr.

At a meeting held July 5th, 1842, the Committee signed the canonical certificate of consent to the consecration of the Rev. John Johns, D. D., Assistant Bishop elect of the Diocese of Virginia.

At a meeting held August 19th, 1842, the Right Rev. Bishop of the Diocese having represented to the Committee that he deems it expedient to call a special Convention of the Church in Massachusetts, to act upon a proposal for the election of an Assistant Bishop, and asking the advice and opinion of the Committee on this measure, it was voted, that the Committee recommend the measure suggested, and advise the call of such a Convention.

At a meeting held October 6th, 1842, the Committee appointed by the Special Convention of the Diocese of Massachusetts to announce to the Rev. Manton Eastburn, D. D. his election to the office of Assistant Bishop in this Diocese, having communicated to the Standing Committee that the Bishop elect had accepted the office, it was voted, that in behalf of the Standing Committee, the President and Secretary be, and they are hereby authorized to adopt all such measures as shall be necessary to carry into full effect the instructions of the Special Convention to procure the consecration of the Bishop elect.

All which is respectfully submitted, in behalf of the Committee.

(Signed,) THOMAS M. CLARK, *Secretary.*

The Rev. Mr. Mason, Secretary of the Board of Missions of the Diocese, read the following

Report:

The Board of Missions of the Protestant Episcopal Church in Massachusetts, respectfully present to the Convention, their seventh annual report.

The decease of our late venerated Father in God, was an event deeply mourned by the Board, over which he had presided since its formation, and in whose operations he always expressed deep interest. The Board would embrace the opportunity to record their sense of the loss the Church has sustained by his death, their veneration for his character, and their testimony to the wisdom and meekness with which he uniformly presided over their deliberations.

In accordance with the recommendation of the last Convention, the Board have enlarged the sphere of their operations during the past year, and have acted as the agent of the Diocese for all departments of Missions. At their suggestion, the Treasurer of the Board, has been appointed by both Committees of the Board of Missions of the Church in the United States, their receiving agent in this Diocese, and the Churches generally throughout the State, have transmitted their missionary contributions through him, which will enable him to present to the Convention, in a tabular form, the amount, and the sources, of the regular appropriations of the Diocese in the past year, for the entire field of Missions.

The plan proposed by the last Convention, for the formation of Missionary Associations in different parts of the Diocese, to cooperate with this Board, has been partially carried into effect. They have been formed, and have held meetings in the Southern, Eastern, and Western Districts, but not in the Central, where the public meetings of the Board, and the frequent occasions to present the whole subject of Missions, in other ways, have perhaps rendered them less necessary. The Southern and Western

District Missionary Associations have been in vigorous and successful action throughout the year, and several of their meetings have been attended by the Bishop and by special delegates from the Board.

The amount received by the Treasurer for all departments of Missions is $10,496 31; which is more than double the sum raised in the Diocese for missionary purposes last year.

The following is a summary of the operations of the Board, in the department of State Missions. The appropriations for the year ending July 1st, 1843, amounted to $2734, and were made as follows:

To the Missionary at St. James's, Amesbury, in addition to the sum which should be raised in Newburyport,			$50
To the Missionary at St. John's, Ashfield,			75
"	"	St. Mark's, Blandford,	100
"	"	Christ Church, Clappville,	100
"	"	Church of the Ascension, Fall River,	150
"	"	Trinity Church, Lenox,	100
"	"	St. Paul's, Otis,	100
"	"	Christ Church, Springfield,	100
"	"	" " Andover,	200
"	"	St. Luke's, Lowell,	500
"	"	Zion Church, Chelsea,*	167
"	"	Christ Church, Quincy,	150
"	"	St. John's, Charlestown,	400
"	"	Trinity Church, Bridgewater,	100
"	"	St. John's, Northampton,	200
"	"	St. John's, Wilkinsonville,	100
"	"	St. Peter's, Cambridgeport,*	100
"	"	Stations near Taunton,*	42
			$2734

The services of the missionaries at Lenox, Clappville and Bridgewater, having terminated during the progress of the year,

* In these instances the appropriation did not commence with the beginning of the year, and only the sum due before July 1st, 1843, is mentioned, but the appointment was for a year.

the whole sum due for the year is thereby reduced to $2584. To meet this appropriation, the receipts have been about $2200, which leaves a deficiency of about $400, which it is hoped will be received before the present month ends.

The reports which will be made to the Bishop by the Clergy who have received aid from the Board, will render it unnecessary to give more than a rapid view of their labors as its missionaries.

The state of the Churches at Bridgewater, Clappville, Otis, Blandford and Ashfield, has not materially changed during the year. In each of these places there is a small congregation, strongly attached to the Church, but quite unable to sustain the whole charge of public worship.

The Church at Amesbury has reduced its debt, and is gradually increasing in prosperity.

The Churches at Springfield and Charlestown, and St. Luke's, at Lowell, have advanced rapidly in numbers, but are still encumbered with heavy debts.

The Churches at Fall River and Andover have gained strength, and probably will not require missionary aid much longer.

During the past year a missionary has been appointed at Chelsea, and the congregation there have subscribed $1000 towards the erection of a small church.

Through the efforts of the missionary at Northampton, the Church there has been revived, its debts entirely paid, and their place of worship put in thorough repair. The congregation increases, and many young people have become interested in the services of the Church.

Within a few months a Church has been formed in Cambridgeport, under favorable auspices, and an application for aid in support of their minister, was granted by the Board.

The labors of the missionary at Quincy have been attended with great success. The church there has been put in complete repair, a parsonage-house built, and the congregation much increased. In addition to his services at Quincy, the missionary has preached in Braintree frequently, and in Hingham once ; in which latter place a few Episcopalians have rented the Methodist meeting-house for six months, in which the missionary intends to officiate once a fortnight.

During the last three months, the Rev. Mr. Snow, aided by the Church at Taunton, and the Southern District Missionary Association, has held services in five villages and towns in the vicinity of Taunton, and has been appointed a missionary of the Board, to continue them.

He reports that the attendance on these occasions was encouraging; that he used, in every instance, the full service of the Church, and that it was always well received.

The Southern District Association have made a communication to the Board, strongly recommending this mode of operation. They remark, that in our large agricultural towns, there is a greater or less number of artisans, who have been born and educated in our mother Church, and readily embrace an opportunity of attending our services; and though it might be impracticable to establish Churches in such places at once, a missionary whose field of labor should cover a considerable district, officiating in turn in several places, might do much good, and ultimately succeed in planting several Churches.

They speak in high terms of the labors of Rev. Mr. Snow, and make an urgent appeal for a thorough trial of this mode of operations.

In this connection it should be remarked, that the missionaries at Springfield and Blandford have unitedly extended their labors into towns in their vicinity. The Rev. Mr. Lee reports, that he has officiated several times, on Sunday evening, in Jencksville, seven miles from Springfield, and that he has held one service in Westfield. In Jencksville there are several families favorable to our Church, and one gentleman defrayed the expense of the services there. In Westfield, there are a few Episcopal families, for whose benefit especially he intends to hold service there occasionally.

The plan of effort upon which the Rev. Mr. Snow has entered, the Board think of high importance, and nothing but the want of greater means prevents its application with great probability of success to other parts of the State.

But so limited are the resources placed at the disposal of the Board, that it has been impossible to occupy effectively the openings which have appeared for the labors of faithful missionaries.

Every year renders more clear the importance of bringing

fully before the community, the distinctive features of our Church, which we believe to be so adapted to establish and preserve those great doctrines of the gospel, upon which the well-being of society, and the salvation of men depend.

And within the past year, especially, several causes have united to make this duty more imperative than ever. Formerly so violent were the prejudices against our Church, that she advanced only amidst great opposition, and her gain was regarded with distrust and regret by the great mass of the community. But the case has now become far different. A great and strongly marked change has taken place. The barriers of prejudice have been, in a great degree, broken down, and the minds of many are prepared candidly to examine the claims of our Church. Her extension is regarded favorably in many quarters, where opposition might have been expected.

The principal cause of this change is probably to be found in certain facts which have gained general attention.

In a period, distinguished by the endless increase of sects, by the fluctuation of religious opinions, by the disorders in many religious communities, by loose views in regard to the authority of the Scriptures, and the gradual neglect of several most important articles of the Christian faith, by low and degrading views of the sacraments and the ministry,— in such a period, the unity, stability, good order, power to preserve and transmit unimpaired the great truths of the gospel, reverence for the word of God, the sacred ordinances, which distinguish the Church of our affections, could not fail to become prominent, and to attract the favorable attention of many minds.

But this state of things, while it makes our position, as Episcopalians, more agreeable, renders more incumbent the duty of faithfully presenting and sustaining our Church institutions.

But there are strong reasons for increased missionary exertions in our own State, independent of the peculiar value which we attach to our distinctive principles as a Church. The population of this commonwealth is rapidly increasing, and many facts show the necessity of great and earnest efforts to promote more extensively, throughout the community, the public worship of the Almighty. Infidelity, indifference, and open vice, number large multitudes, who will never be brought under the restraining and

converting power of the truth, unless measures are taken to bring them into the Church of God.

Every Christian is bound to put forth greater exertions to multiply the privileges of public worship, and especially to extend them to that great and increasing class who have not the ability or the will, to procure them for themselves.

While then, we rejoice in the increased zeal for the extension of the Church in distant parts of our own country and in foreign lands, may we not forget that a great work still remains to be done in the borders of our own State; a work of immense importance, both as regards the temporal and the eternal welfare of the community of which we are members.

In behalf of the Board.

CHARLES MASON, *Secretary.*

On motion,

Resolved, That the same be referred to a committee of three, to report during the session of this Convention.

The Chair appointed the Rev. Messrs. Parker and Edson, and the Hon. Edward A. Newton.

The Committee appointed at the last Annual Convention to report on a proposed revision of Article III. of the Constitution, presented the following

Report:

The Committee appointed at the last Convention to revise the third article of the Constitution, beg leave to report the following article as a substitute for the said third article.

ARTICLE III. of the Constitution of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the State of Massachusetts.

The Convention shall be composed of the following persons:

1st. The Bishop of the Diocese, and the Assistant Bishop (if there be one:)

2d. Every Presbyter and Deacon, who shall, for the term of six calendar months next preceding the meeting of the Convention, have been actually as well as canonically resident within the Diocese, and engaged in the regular performance of clerical duties under the authority or by the permission of the ecclesiastical authority of the same:

3d. Every Presbyter and Deacon, actually as well as canonically resident within the Diocese for the term of six calendar months next preceding the meeting of the Convention, and officiating in the same as a Missionary, duly appointed or recognized by the ecclesiastical authority of the Diocese, or as a chaplain in any public benevolent institution, or in the army or navy of the United States, or as a president, professor, tutor or instructor in any college, academy or seminary of learning, or as the Treasurer or Secretary of the Convention duly elected in accordance with the constitution of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Massachusetts:

4th. The Lay Delegates of the several Churches in the Diocese in union with the Convention, not exceeding *three* from each Church, who shall, at the time of their election, be members of the Church or Parish for which they appear. The evidence of their election shall be a certificate of the fact signed by the wardens or warden, or by the parish clerk of the Church or Parish.

No clergyman, who has been at any time entitled to a seat and vote in the Convention, shall be divested of such privilege by reason of advanced years, infirm health, or absence from the Diocese for a less period than one year.

Every member of the Convention shall be entitled to one vote, except upon a division by orders, in which case the delegation from each Church or Parish shall be entitled to but one vote. A division shall be had whenever called for by any one member.

Upon the article as thus framed your committee were unanimous. But upon another proposed clause, providing that every Presbyter canonically instituted as the Rector or Minister of any Church, Parish or Congregation, shall also be entitled to a seat and vote in the Convention without reference to the time of his actual or canonical residence in the Diocese — they have not been able to arrive at a like result. Deeming it, however, expedient to bring the subject fully before the Convention, they beg leave farther to report the following clause to be inserted (in case the same shall hereafter be accepted by the Convention) after the first division of the article:

2d. "Every Presbyter canonically resident within the Diocese, and canonically instituted as the Rector or Minister of some

Church, Parish or Congregation within the Diocese, and in union with this Convention."

All which is respectfully submitted.

W. D. SOHIER,
EDWARD S. RAND,
JOHN L. WATSON,
} *Committee.*

June 14, 1843.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Convention now adjourn, to meet at half past 4 o'clock, P. M.

St. Paul's Church, Wednesday, June 14,
half past 4 *o'clock, P. M.*

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

The minutes of the Morning Session were read and approved.

The Treasurer of the Convention presented his Annual Account.*

The Annual Account of the Treasurer of the Board of Missions was presented.†

The Rev. Mr. Baury, in behalf of the Trustees of the Society for the Relief of Widows and Orphans of deceased Clergymen of the Diocese, presented the following

Report:

The Trustees of the Society for the Relief of Widows and Orphans of deceased Clergymen of the Protestant Episcopal Church of Massachusetts, in compliance with the requisitions of the seventh article of the Constitution of said society, present the following to the Convention of the Diocese as their first annual report.

The subject of forming a society for the relief of widows and children of deceased clergymen appears to have first engaged the attention of the Convention of Massachusetts, in 1831. Nothing definite, however, was concluded upon till the Convention of 1840, when a committee to whom this important and benevo-

* See Appendix. † See Appendix.

lent object had been referred, made a report: whereupon, it was resolved, "that this Convention approve of the organization and establishment of a Society for the Relief of Widows and Children of Deceased Clergymen, and that the report of said society shall be annually received by the Convention, and published with the journals of the same."

A meeting of gentlemen favorable to the establishment of such an institution, was held in the city of Boston, June 17th of the same year, when the draft of a constitution, which had been previously submitted to the Convention by a committee raised by them for that purpose, was read and unanimously adopted.

The society being duly organized, proceeded to appoint a committee to apply to the general court of this commonwealth for an act of incorporation.

At the annual meeting, in 1841, this committee reported that they had obtained of the legislature an act of incorporation, corresponding, in all respects, with the requests of the petitioners, which was accepted by the society, and entered upon their records.

The late Rev. James Morss, D. D., Rector of St. Paul's Church, Newburyport, having made a communication to the corporation that his deceased wife, Mrs. Elizabeth Morss, had bequeathed to the funds of the society five hundred dollars, the trustees were directed to take such measures, with regard to the acknowledgment and receipt of the same, as might appear to them necessary and proper.

At the annual meeting, in 1842, the corporation were notified that the venerable relict of the late Rt. Rev. Edward Bass, D. D., the first Bishop of the Diocese of Massachusetts, had, by her last will and testament, constituted this society her residuary legatee; and measures were accordingly taken with reference to the acknowledgment and receipt of this her pious bequest.

By a resolution of the Convention of the Diocese, in 1839, it was "resolved, that at each subsequent meeting of this Convention, the regular alms and oblations be taken during the customary administration of the holy communion, and paid to the trustees of the society for the relief of the widows and children of deceased clergymen." And there have since been paid the treasurer, from this source, two hundred and nine dollars, sixty-three cents.

The annual subscriptions for 1841 and 2, which have been received, amount to the sum of eighty-three dollars.

From the executor of the late Mrs. Morss, for legacy of five hundred dollars (the estate being represented as falling short ten per cent.) four hundred and fifty dollars have been received; and from the executor of Mrs. Bass's estate, one thousand three hundred and one dollars, ninety-seven cents.

The whole amount paid into the treasury of the Society to this date being two thousand forty-four dollars and sixty cents. Of these funds, five hundred dollars are deposited in the city of Boston on interest, in the Provident Institution for Savings, and the balance in the Washington Bank.

At an adjourned meeting of the corporation in September last, the following by-law was adopted: "All moneys received for the objects of this Society shall be invested under authority of the trustees, exclusively on the security of real estate within the Commonwealth of Massachusetts."

The trustees soon after held a meeting and appointed a committee to invest two thousand dollars in accordance with the above regulation; whilst, as yet, this committee have been unable satisfactorily to themselves, to discharge the duties of their appointment.

In concluding this their report to the Convention, the trustees embrace the opportunity, most respectfully to express their regret, that any of the clergy should be apparently indifferent to the advantages which their families might derive from the funds of this institution, should they, in the providence of God, be left in other than affluent circumstances.

Of more than fifty clergymen belonging to the Diocese, but twenty are subscribers to this fund; only *five* of whom, agreeably to the provisions of the constitution, would transmit to their families any right whatever to assistance from the same. For the information, therefore, of those who may be desirous of making some provision for an exigency to which all are liable, the following extracts from the constitution of the Society are subjoined:

"Art. IV. The widows and children of deceased clergymen who shall have paid the sum of five dollars, or the sum of ten dollars annually, shall be entitled to an annuity of five times the

amount of such annual subscription for twice the number of years during which it has been paid."

"ART. VI. This charity shall be confined to the widows and children of those clergymen who have continued members of the Society to the time of their decease, and who have died in the communion of the Protestant Episcopal Church."

All which is respectfully submitted in behalf of the Trustees.

(Signed,) ALFRED L. BAURY, *Chairman.*

June 13, 1843.

The Bishop then delivered the following

Address:

MY BRETHREN OF THE CLERGY AND LAITY:

I can readily enter into the peculiar emotions, with which you hear me addressing you on the present occasion. Assembled together with the purpose of consulting, as usual, on the interests of this important Diocese, and of setting forward measures for the advancement of the kingdom of God, you no longer behold in his accustomed place that revered and holy prelate, who, for more than thirty years, presided over this portion of the Lord's vineyard. It is difficult for us, even in ordinary cases, to wear our wonted cheerfulness of aspect, when we miss from the midst of us those with whom, for a long succession of days, we have taken sweet counsel together. But, in an instance like the present, how increased must be the sadness that casts its shade over your hearts! I can easily imagine the tenderness with which you recur, at this annual gathering, to the many similar occasions, on which you have exchanged the greetings of affection with your late venerated Father; and have felt the influence of that meek intelligence which beamed from his eye, while occupying the chair I am now called to fill, and while presenting to you the humble record of his useful and unwearied labors. Your sensations, if I rightly interpret them, are akin to those of soldiers, when, in the midst of the conflict with the

enemy, the missile of death strikes down unexpectedly the ancient Leader, whose presence had sustained them through difficulty; whose smile had revived them when fainting; and under whose standard they had marched, with alacrity and joy, to an hundred victories.

Amidst the sorrow, however, which fills your hearts, at this loss of him whom you had long venerated and loved, you cannot but derive comfort from the reflection, that the last summons came to him while he was actively laboring in his Master's service. He died, as we must always wish that a Christian soldier *should* die;—not after having been consigned to previous years, or even weeks, of physical and mental decay, but with his faculties in full exercise; with his accoutrements of battle all upon him; and in the midst of untiring toils in behalf of the great interests committed to his keeping. That portion of his labors, during the past year, which belongs to the Diocese of Massachusetts, I now proceed to present to you; and from this record it will fully appear, that this veteran Leader only ceased to work, when he had ceased to live.

On the Fourth Sunday after Trinity, June 19, 1842, the late Bishop held an Ordination at Christ Church, in this city, and admitted Mr. Emory M. Porter to Deacon's Orders; and preached the Sermon upon this occasion. On the same day he visited Grace Church, in this city; preached; and confirmed 22.

On the Fifth Sunday after Trinity, June 26, he visited St. Mary's Church, Newton; preached twice; confirmed 14; and administered the Holy Communion.

On the Sixth Sunday after Trinity, July 3, in St. John's Church, Wilkinsonville, he preached three times; confirmed 3; and administered the Holy Communion.

On Tuesday, July 5, in St. James's Church, Amesbury, he preached twice, and confirmed 5.

On Wednesday, July 6, in St. Paul's Church, Newburyport, he preached, and confirmed 11.

On the Seventh Sunday after Trinity, July 10, in the Church of the Ascension, Fall River, he preached three times, and confirmed 16.

On Saturday, July 30, he preached in St. Anne's Church, Lowell; and on the following day, Tenth Sunday after Trinity, he preached in the same Church twice, and confirmed 51. On this Sunday, he also preached in St. Luke's Church, Lowell, and confirmed 23. The lamented Bishop has also entered upon his journal, that he confirmed 1 on the following day.

On Monday, August 1, he laid the corner-stone of the new Church of St. Luke, Lowell.

On the Eleventh Sunday after Trinity, August 7, he preached twice in Trinity Church, Bridgewater.

On the Twelfth Sunday after Trinity, August 14, in Grace Church, New Bedford, he preached twice, and confirmed 13.

On Tuesday, August 16, he preached twice in Trinity Church, Nantucket, and confirmed 22.

On the Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity, August 21, in St. John's Church, Northampton, he preached twice; baptized 1 adult; confirmed 10; and administered the Holy Communion.

On Tuesday, August 23, he preached, and confirmed 5, in St. Luke's Church, Lanesborough.

On Wednesday, August 24, St. Bartholomew the Apostle, he preached, and confirmed 8, in St. Stephen's Church, Pittsfield.

On Thursday, August 25, he preached in Trinity Church, Lenox, and confirmed 1.

On Friday, August 26, he preached in St. Paul's Church, Stockbridge.

On Saturday, August 27, he preached in St. James's Church, Great Barrington; and on the following day, Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity, he preached twice in the same church, and confirmed 3. He also preached on this Sunday in Trinity Church, Van Deusenville, and confirmed 2.

On Monday, August 29, in St. Paul's Church, Otis, he preached, and confirmed 2.

On Tuesday, August 30, he preached in St. Mark's Church, Blandford.

On Wednesday, August 31, he preached in Christ Church, Springfield, and confirmed 8.

On the Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity, September 4, at an Ordination held in Grace Church, in this city, he admitted Mr. Samuel A. Taylor to Deacon's Orders; and on this occasion he also preached.

On Wednesday, September 7, he held an Ordination in St. John's, Jamaica Plains, and admitted the Rev. Justin Field, Junr., Deacon, the Minister, to Priest's Orders. He also preached the Sermon on this occasion.

On Wednesday, September 14, he held an Ordination in St. Michael's Church, Marblehead, and admitted the Rev. Moses P. Stickney, Deacon, the present Rector of the parish, to Priest's Orders. The Sermon on this occasion was preached by himself.

On the Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity, September 18, he preached twice, and confirmed 1, in Christ Church, Clappville.

On Saturday, September 24, he preached in St. Anne's, Lowell; and, on the next day, Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity, preached again in the same church, and confirmed 29. He also preached twice on this Sunday in St. Luke's, Lowell, and confirmed 16.

The next official transaction of your departed and revered Bishop, was his attendance at the Special Convention of this Diocese, assembled, at his own request, in Trinity Church in this city, on Tuesday, the 27th day of September. The singularly impressive Address which he delivered upon that important occasion, will abide, I doubt not, in the memory of all those among you, who listened to it as it fell from his lips. For myself I can only say, that, on first reading it in my then distant home, I was struck with the inimitable simplicity and pathos that breathed in every line. But when, on the other hand, I call to mind the

exquisite portrait which it drew of what a Bishop of the Church *should* be, I am constrained to cry out with St. Paul, "Who is sufficient for these things?" Let me ask for your prayers, that I may preach Jesus Christ, and Him Crucified, in all the fulness which our venerated Father has there described; and that my doctrine may be adorned by that corresponding life and deportment, which he has depicted in this rich and precious specimen of Christian eloquence.

On Wednesday, September 28, the late Bishop attended the Convention of the Eastern Diocese at Charlestown; and admitted Mr. William A. White to Deacon's Orders.

On the Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity, October 2, he preached in the room known as Trinity Chapel, in this city.

On Thursday, October 13, assisted by his Right Reverend brethren, the Bishop of Virginia, the Bishop of North Carolina, and the Bishop of Maryland, he consecrated the Rev. John Johns, D. D., to the office of Assistant Bishop of Virginia. This impressive and important solemnity took place in the Monumental Church at Richmond: and it will, without doubt, be a lasting source of satisfaction to my distinguished brother, who was then invested with his present high and holy office, that our revered Father, notwithstanding his advanced age, was enabled by a kind Providence to undertake so long a journey; and, among the latest acts of his official life, to lay upon him those hands which had so often, during a period of more than thirty years, been extended in prayer and blessing.

On the Twenty-Second Sunday after Trinity, October 23, he preached three times in St. Andrew's Church, Hanover, and confirmed 13.

On the Twenty-Third Sunday after Trinity, October 30, in Christ Church, Quincy, he preached twice, and confirmed 16; and I find, in his record of this visit, an expression of his satisfaction at the thriving condition of that parish, after the many vicissitudes and discouragements to which, during past years, it has been subjected.

On the Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Trinity, November 6, he held an Ordination in Christ Church, Andover; and admitted Mr. Edward A. Renouf, and Mr. D. R. Brewer, to Deacon's Orders. On this day he preached twice, and confirmed 5.

On the Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Trinity, November 13, he preached in the room known as the Mission Chapel in Common Street, in this city.

On the Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Trinity, November 20, he held an Ordination in St. Peter's, Salem, and admitted the Rev. John Wayland, Deacon, to Priest's Orders. The Sermon on this occasion was preached by himself.

On the First Sunday in Advent, November 27, he preached in the room in this city, called Trinity Chapel; and

On the Second Sunday in Advent, December 4, he again preached twice in the same place; confirmed 3; and administered the Holy Communion.

On the Third Sunday in Advent, December 11, he preached twice in Christ Church, in this city; and once in the Hall used as a Free Chapel in Bedford Street.

On Friday, December 23, he held an Ordination in St. Paul's Church, Boston, and admitted Mr. Benjamin Franklin to Deacon's Orders. He also preached the Sermon on this occasion.

On Christmas-Day, he preached twice at Cambridgeport, and administered the Holy Communion.

On St. John the Evangelist's Day, Tuesday, December 27, at an Ordination held in St. Paul's, Boston, he admitted Mr. John S. Davenport, and Mr. Ferdinand E. White, to Deacon's Orders; the latter being an alumnus of the General Theological Seminary. The Sermon was also preached by himself.

On Thursday, December 29, in Trinity Church in this city, and assisted by his Right Reverend brethren of Connecticut, New York, and Western New York, he consecrated him who now addresses you to the office of Assistant Bishop of Massachusetts. How little did any of us anticipate, on that solemn

occasion, that, before two short months should elapse, he was to be taken out of our sight; and that he who was then set apart to aid him in the oversight of this Diocese, was to appear in your presence, at this Convention, as its only authorized Head!

On the Festival of the Circumcision, January 1, 1843, he preached twice at St. James's Church, Roxbury.

On the Second Sunday after the Epiphany, January 15, he preached twice at Worcester, and confirmed 5.

On the Third Sunday after the Epiphany, January 22, he preached twice in Mount Zion Church, Chelsea, and confirmed 13.

On the Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany, January 29, he preached in Grace Church, in this city, and confirmed 17.

On the Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany, February 5, he preached twice in St. Matthew's, South Boston, and administered the Holy Communion.

On Septuagesima Sunday, February 12, our revered Father officiated, for the last time, within the courts of an earthly temple; and the Rector and parishioners of St. Peter's, Salem, have the melancholy, yet pleasing remembrance, that in that Church were heard the final accents of this venerable prelate, in his public and official capacity. On this occasion he preached twice, and administered the solemn rite of Confirmation to 22; and on the following Wednesday, February 15, was called to receive that crown of life and immortality which is promised to the "faithful unto death."

The record of my own official acts, during the few months that have elapsed since I first came among you, will be comprised within a short space. My public ministrations have been principally confined to Trinity Church, in this city; but I have preached occasionally, at the request of the several incumbents, in the parish churches of Boston and of its vicinity. It is my intention to commence, with the divine permission, an entire Visitation of the Diocese, immediately after my return from the annual meeting of the Board of Trustees of the General Theological

Seminary. This meeting will take place, as usual, in the city of New York, towards the end of the present month, and will occupy a few days; and you do not need, I trust, to be assured, my brethren of the Clergy and Laity, with what pleasure the anticipation of setting out afterwards, without delay, for your several parishes, fills my heart. I may then acquire, by being personally present among you, a more intimate knowledge of your affairs; and may hope to draw closer that bond which unites, as with a cord of love, the sheep and their spiritual shepherd.

On Tuesday, the 17th, and Wednesday, the 18th of January, it was my privilege to attend the quarterly meeting of the Western District Church Missionary Association, at St. James's Church, Greenfield: addressing the congregation on the interesting and important subject of Missions; and also preaching twice from the pulpit of that old and established parish, and administering the Holy Communion. On this occasion I had the gratification of meeting my reverend brethren, Mr. Ballard, the Rector of St. Stephen's, Pittsfield; Mr. Goodwin, Rector of St. John's, Wilkinsonville; Mr. Pearson, Rector of St. John's, Ashfield; and Mr. Lee, Rector of Christ Church, Springfield; who, as well as the highly esteemed incumbent of the parish, the Rev. Dr. Strong, favored the congregation with their services. There can be no doubt that these Associations are productive of great spiritual benefit, both to the Clergy and to the people. By bringing together the ministering servants of Christ from their several and isolated spheres of labor, such periodical seasons animate and refresh them in their work; while, at the same time, an opportunity is afforded for urging, with united and great force, upon those who are assembled at these services, the duty of love and good works. In order to carry forward with success the work of missions in this Diocese, in the domestic field generally, and in foreign lands, there will be needed a large increase of the missionary spirit. Among the means of promoting such a spirit, are these occasional meetings for the purpose of bringing the wants of the

world before the attention of our people; and I trust that they will continue to receive from my brethren of the Clergy that hearty support, of which past, though short experience, has proved the benefits.

On the Third Sunday in Lent, March 19, I had the pleasure of being present, in New York, at the interesting occasion of the Rev. Gregory T. Bedell being instituted Rector of the Church of the Ascension; and of being allowed, by the kind request of the Bishop of New York, to preach the Sermon, from the pulpit of that parish which is consecrated to me by so many delightful and endearing recollections. It will, I trust, be permitted me to place on record, in this Address, the expression of my ardent prayer, that my young successor may be, as he promises to be, a faithful watchman on that spot so sacred to my heart; and may prove worthy of his distinguished father's usefulness, and of his own honored name.

On Friday, April 7, I visited the School of Moral Discipline, in South Boston, of which the Rev. Mr. Wells is the Rector; and administered the rite of Confirmation to 5 persons, in the Chapel of that Institution. Three of these were pupils of the School; and of these 3, only one had been educated within the pale of our own Church. This is one among many instances that are constantly occurring, of the beneficial effects of such establishments as that of Mr. Wells in impressing the youthful mind with a love for our institutions; and, what is infinitely more important, in promoting early piety, and preparing the rising generation for a life of Christian usefulness. Would to God that we had similar spiritual nurseries scattered over the whole extent of our land! From them we might with confidence expect a regular supply of candidates for the ministry: coming forth as the pupils would from such seminaries, not only with their minds enriched with human learning, but also with their hearts, in many cases, glowing with the sacred flame of love to the Saviour, and zeal for his glory.

On the First Sunday after Easter, April 23, in St. Paul's,

Dedham, I confirmed 11 in the afternoon; and preached again in the evening.

On Thursday of the same week, April 27, in St. Thomas's Church, Taunton, I addressed the congregation in the afternoon on the missionary topic; this being the public meeting of the Southern District Church Missionary Association. The people were also addressed at this time by the Rev. Mr. Randall, and the Rev. Mr. Snow; and the valuable remarks which they then made, appealing alike to head and heart, have left, I trust, an abiding impression behind them. In the evening I preached. On the next day, Friday, April 28, I examined, in the afternoon, the children of the parish in the Catechism, and addressed the Sunday School Teachers; and, in the evening, confirmed 32.

On the Fifth Sunday after Easter, May 21, in St. Paul's, Boston, I confirmed 39 in the afternoon.

On the Sunday after Ascension Day, May 28, in Christ Church, Boston, I confirmed 9 in the evening.

On Wednesday, June 7, at an Ordination held in Trinity Church, Boston, I admitted to the Holy Order of Deacons Mr. Reuben E. Taylor, a Candidate for Orders of the Diocese of Maine, and late an ordained Minister of the Presbyterian denomination.

On Trinity Sunday, June 11, at St. James's Church, Roxbury, I confirmed 11 in the afternoon.

During the past year, 11 Deacons have been ordained, and 5 Priests. Of the Deacons, 3 were of the Diocese of Rhode Island, and 1 belonged to that of Maine; and 1 was ordained at the request of the Bishop of Virginia. Of the Priests, 3 were of the Diocese of Rhode Island. It appears, from the details above presented to you, that the whole number of persons confirmed in this Diocese, since the last Convention, is 467; that the corner-stone of one church has been laid; and that the late Bishop Griswold preached 76 times in this portion of the extensive field committed

to his charge. Since my consecration in December last, I have preached 53 times.

The following persons are Candidates for Orders: — George W. Porter, George Henry Clark, Horatio Merrill, James L. Scott, George D. Miles, Daniel G. Estes, Nathanael G. Allen, E. F. Slafter, George D. Wildes, Caleb M. Stimson, John Coe, Thornton W. Clapp, and William B. Corbin — Total, 13. One of these gentlemen, Daniel G. Estes, is pursuing his studies in the General Theological Seminary; and another, Nathanael G. Allen, intends to become a member of that Institution in the autumn of the present year.

The following changes have taken place in the Diocese, since the last Convention:

The Rev. Benjamin C. C. Parker has been received from the Diocese of Vermont; but is at present officiating in the Diocese of New York. The Rev. Asa Eaton, D. D., has been received from New Jersey.

The Rev. W. S. Bartlett has been received from the Diocese of New York, and is now the Rector of the newly incorporated parish of Mount Zion Church, Chelsea; which, under his assiduous and efficient care, is, I am happy to say, in a very encouraging condition.

The Rev. J. S. Davenport, Deacon, has removed into this Diocese from that of Maine, and has been appointed Rector of St. Paul's, Newburyport.

The Rev. George Waters has been transferred to the Diocese of New York; the Rev. Ferdinand E. White, Deacon, and the Rev. Emery M. Porter, Deacon, to the Diocese of Connecticut; the Rev. William A. White, Deacon, to that of Pennsylvania; the Rev. Samuel A. Taylor, Deacon, to that of Maryland; and the Rev. George Leeds to that of Western New York.

Mr. John Coe, a Candidate for Orders, has been received into this Diocese from that of Connecticut.

Mr. Robert T. S. Lowell, formerly a Candidate for Orders, has

left this Diocese; and, having received ordination from the hands of the Bishop of Newfoundland, is now officiating within the bounds of that prelate's jurisdiction.

Mr. Wellington E. Webb, a Candidate for Orders, has been transferred to Virginia.

The Rev. Henry Blackaller has resigned the Rectorship of Trinity Church, Bridgewater.

The Rev. Samuel P. Parker has discontinued his services in Trinity Church, Van Deusenville, and now devotes himself exclusively to the care of St. Paul's, Stockbridge. This determination on his part will prove, I have no doubt, greatly conducive to the prosperity of the last named parish; and, should missionary aid be extended to both these places, they will he enabled, each of them, to sustain the services of a resident minister.

The Rev. Theodore W. Snow, under an appointment from the Board of Missions of this Diocese, is now employed, with highly encouraging prospects of success, as an itinerating missionary in the Southern portion of the State. This is a species of missionary labor which is recommended by many advantages; and, had we the means for carrying it into extensive operation, would be eminently efficient in extending our Church, with its scriptural standards, through districts where it is as yet unknown.

A new parish has been organized at Cambridgeport, by the name of St. Peter's, since the last Convention; of which the Rev. Mr. Brewer is the Minister.

The Rev. Samuel McBurney, a Presbyter of this Diocese, has, at his own request, been displaced from the Ministry. The Mission Chapel in this city, of which he was the minister, is at present supplied with regular ministrations by the Rev. Dr. Boyle.

In conclusion of this record of the twelve months just completed, it only remains for me to state, that canonical notice was received by Bishop Griswold, in November last, from the Bishop of New York, that the Rev. James Roosevelt Bayley, and the Rev. John Knill, Presbyters of that Diocese, had been, according

to Canon 38, displaced by him from the Ministry; in the case of the former, for causes not affecting his moral standing. A similar notice was also received in November by your late Diocesan, from the Bishop of Connecticut, in regard to the Rev. David L. Devens, a Presbyter of that Diocese. And, in April last, canonical notice to the same effect was transmitted to me by the Bishop of Virginia, in reference to the Rev. James M'Mechin, a Presbyter of that Diocese; in this case, for no causes affecting the moral standing.

Having thus presented to you the official record of the past year, I shall detain you only for a few moments more by referring to some topics, more or less connected with the prosperity of our Church, in this Diocese over which, in divine providence, I have been made the Overseer.

Among the first in importance is the subject of Missions. The embarrassments in the financial department of our General Missionary Society, having so lately been brought before the attention of the whole Church, are quite familiar to you all. Through the divine blessing upon the appeal of the Board of Missions, the immediate and pressing danger has been averted. But let us beware of the great evil of relying, for the support of this work, upon sudden and spasmodic efforts, instead of that stream of steady and systematized charity, which is the only scriptural method of supply. Let the Clergy keep constantly before the eye of their people their obligations to this holy cause; and let the Laity second the zeal of their pastors by a spirit of cheerful liberality. Whether it may be found expedient to make any changes in the organization of the two Committees, or to let the present arrangements proceed, this is not the place to inquire. But surely, so long as the system is commended to our support by the authoritative voice of that Church to which we belong, it is our duty, whatever fault any may think they see in it, to sustain it with all our hearts. And as surely it is *not* our duty, under the avowed plea of objections to some features in its

character, to desert the object which it was established for the purpose of carrying forward, — that of imparting to a dying world the knowledge of Christ and Him crucified. Let me implore, therefore, your earnest cooperation, in this blessed work of dispensing "to them that are far off, and to them that are nigh," the unutterable consolations of the gospel of peace. And, in connexion with this subject, allow me to commend to your prayers and your aid the cause of Missions in this Diocese. Many are the spots, upon which laborers could be employed with cheering prospects of success, if the necessary means to sustain them were furnished. And when was there ever a period, when the voice of Providence urged us forward with more encouraging tones? The two crying wants, in this portion of the country, are that of sound, scriptural doctrine, on the one hand, and of order and stability on the other. Does not our Church meet these wants, in the completest manner? And, if so, can any thing retard our progress, if all orders and estates of men among us will only live under a sense of their duty, and resolve upon its faithful performance? May the Holy Spirit, by his special grace preventing us, put into all our minds good desires; and, by his continual help, may we bring the same to good effect!

There is another subject which has a direct bearing upon the welfare of our Church, not only in this Diocese, but throughout these United States; and to which I think it right, therefore, to call your attention. I refer to the General Theological Seminary of our Church, established in the city of New York. Having been myself a member of that Institution, when a Candidate for Holy Orders, — and having had abundant opportunity, since that time, both as a resident in its immediate neighborhood, and as one of its Trustees, of knowing its value as a school of thorough and systematic theological instruction, — I can speak with confidence in its favor. It is my sincere desire that those Trustees of this Seminary who belong to this Diocese, — both clerical and

lay, — may give to it their support; and, as far as their engagements shall permit, may afford the encouragement of their presence at the annual meetings of the Board, and at the accompanying examinations of the students. It has always been a pleasure to me, in former years, to find this Diocese ably and efficiently represented in the Board of Trustees; but the representation, although weighty and zealous in character, was numerically small. It must be evident to you all, my brethren of the Clergy and Laity, that, in order to make our beloved Church a successful instrument, in this region, for advancing the cause of sound and scriptural truth, it is an indispensable requisite that we should have a body not only of faithful and devoted, but of thoroughly educated Clergy. It was with this immensely important object in view, that our General Seminary was established by the authority of the General Convention. Its endowments being liberal, secure the services of able and experienced Professors. Its location being in a city which is the centre of information, affords the students great facilities for acquiring an extensive knowledge of our Church, and of its affairs. And, above all, its course of instruction carries the pupils of it through a thorough investigation of the Holy Scriptures; which, if there be any force in the maxim, *Bonus textuarius, bonus theologus est*, must be admitted to be no slight advantage, as part of the training of our young men for the ministry of the word. This being the case, let each Diocese, by its authorized representatives, keep an eye of watchful interest fixed upon this noble school. If any thing should be wrong in it, this wrong will be made right, through that supervision of the whole Church which was contemplated when the Seminary was first set on foot. Let me express the hope that my brethren of the Clergy will give this subject serious consideration; and that, so far as they may have any influence over the minds of young persons looking forward to ordination, they will secure their attendance upon that distinguished seat of theological acquirement. What we need greatly at present, through the

whole land, is a more general diffusion of sound scholarship among the ranks of the Clergy; — first of all, of classical proficiency, which lies at the foundation, and which can only be attained by a full College course; and, after this, of accurate theological knowledge, which our General Seminary dispenses with a copious hand. If it shall be thought by any, that old partialities and associations have warped my judgment, I will only point out to you the men whom that Institution has sent forth from her halls; many of whom are, at this moment, not only among our most accomplished defenders of the faith, but in the very first rank as direct, simple, and earnest preachers of the truth as it in Jesus.

Among the means of promoting the cause of true religion, and the prosperity of our Church in this Diocese, is the diffusion of judicious Tracts; setting forth the great doctrines of our Liturgy, Articles, and Homilies, and, in a moderate tone, stating the distinguishing features of our ecclesiastical polity. I would suggest to the present Convention the propriety of taking some definite action, on this important subject.

The need is also strongly felt among us, of some organized body of trustees, appointed to receive and apply any sums which individuals might feel disposed to give, by donation or bequest, for the purpose of aiding in the erection of Churches. There are, undoubtedly, many members of our communion, who have an earnest desire to assist in the building of commodious and economical sanctuaries, where the gospel might be preached in our towns and villages, and the sacraments dispensed; but who, being uncertain, when individual applications are made to them, whether or not the amount they give will be judiciously expended, hold back from this work. I respectfully suggest, that we might expect great good from a Board, or Committee, for Church-building purposes, acting under the authority of this Convention; and thereby inspiring others with confidence in the prudence and

good management, with which so important a matter would be conducted.

I turn, for a moment, to another topic, not, indeed, to be placed in the same scale of importance with those just referred to, but still having a close connexion with the fitness and beauty of our public worship. I have frequently had occasion to lament, in common with many others, the inappropriate character of the music in most of our parish churches, in town as well as country. The psalmody is generally faulty in one or the other of the two following respects: — either it consists of music, beautiful, it is true, in itself, but not ecclesiastical; that is, of tunes arranged from melodies familiar to the ears of those who frequent the concert-room and the opera: or, on the other hand, it is a selection of inferior compositions having their origin here among ourselves, and destitute of all pretension to either musical excellence, or devotional effect. But a still more serious deficiency is observable in the chanting of our Churches. In the first place, it is extremely slow. Chanting is musical reading; but the prevailing system substitutes for the free and joyous rapidity of a hymn of praise, the mournful march of a funeral dirge. And the music of these chants is often as inappropriate as the time. Now, as singing forms so large a portion of our daily service, it is highly important that it should be of such a character as to correspond with the dignity of our Liturgy, and to inspire emotions befitting the sanctuary of the Eternal. If it be asked, then, whither we are to turn for models of ecclesiastical music, the answer obviously must be this; — to our mother Church of England. Who of us can listen to the simple and solemn harmony of an English psalm tune, without feeling that it is the music best adapted for sending upward to the most high God the united praises of a whole congregation? And who can hear our Te Deum, and our several anthems, sung to the music of those sublime Cathedral compositions which breathe so peculiarly the spirit of the sanctuary, without experiencing emotions which no

other strains can inspire? I gladly avail myself, therefore, of the present opportunity to mention, that, with the view of producing uniformity throughout the Diocese, a work has been compiled, at my suggestion, by the distinguished Organist of Trinity Church, in this city. It is a selection of appropriate psalm and hymn tunes, and of chants; and restores to many of the psalm tunes their original harmony, which had been from time to time mutilated by various hands. The Author, having been educated in the school of English ecclesiastical music, and having filled successively the posts of Sub-Organist of Salisbury, and Organist of Hereford Cathedral, is fully competent to do justice to such a task. The book is published in as cheap a form as was practicable, in order to bring it within the reach of all. I commend this useful undertaking to the especial patronage of the Clergy of this Diocese. In those churches where the facilities for obtaining musical talent are limited, it may be desirable to have nothing sung except the metre psalms and hymns. But, where chanting *is* practised, it is much to be wished that it should be appropriately executed.

May you be guided, my brethren, in all your deliberations, by that Holy Spirit, without whom our best strength is weakness, and our highest wisdom is folly!

MANTON EASTBURN.

Boston, June 14, 1843.

The Committee of Examination made the following

Report:

The Committee of Examination "to whom are referred all matters relative to the right of membership, the certificates of Lay Delegates, the incorporation of Churches, and their admission into union with the Convention," ask leave to report as follows:

That of the Clergy, the following being actually and canonically resident within this Diocese, and otherwise qualified according to the third article of the Constitution, are entitled to seats:

The Right Rev. the Bishop of the Diocese, the Rev. Ethan Allen, the Rev. Samuel B. Babcock, the Rev. Edward Ballard, the Rev. Henry H. Bates, the Rev. W. S. Bartlett, the Rev. Alfred L. Baury, the Rev. N. T. Bent, the Rev. Henry Blackaller, the Rev. Silas Blaisdale, the Rev. Isaac Boyle, D. D., the Rev. D. R. Brewer, the Rev. Orange Clark, D. D., the Rev. T. M. Clark, the Rev. J. H. Clinch, the Rev. Samuel Cutler, the Rev. J. S. Davenport, the Rev. T. Edson, the Rev. Asa Eaton, D. D., the Rev. S. Fuller, D. D., the Rev. D. L. B. Goodwin, the Rev. P. H. Greenleaf, the Rev. S. Hassard, the Rev. N. Hoppin, the Rev. M. A. D'W. Howe, the Rev. T. R. Lambert, the Rev. Daniel Leach, the Rev. Henry W. Lee, the Rev. Charles Mason, the Rev. A. D. McCoy, the Rev. S. P. Parker, the Rev. Jacob Pearson, the Rev. G. M. Randall, the Rev. John P. Robinson, the Rev. S. B. Shaw, the Rev. M. P. Stickney, the Rev. Theodore W. Snow, the Rev. Titus Strong, D. D., the Rev. A. H. Vinton, the Rev. J. L. Watson, the Rev. E. M. P. Wells, the Rev. John Woart.

The following, though actually resident, yet not being otherwise constitutionally qualified, are not entitled to seats:

The Rev. Wm. Cook, the Rev. E. J. Stearns, the Rev. William Withington, the Rev. N. W. Munro, the Rev. F. A. Foxcroft, the Rev. J. Field, Jr., the Rev. F. W. J. Pollard.

The following, though canonically resident, yet not being actually so, are not entitled to seats:

The Rev. J. L. Blake, D. D., the Rev. B. C. C. Parker, the Rev. F. C. Putnam.

Of the Lay Delegates, all whose certificates of election have been read, are entitled to seats.

Written evidence having been laid before this Committee of the organization of St. Peter's Church, Cambridgeport, and Trinity Church, Nantucket, in conformity with the fourth article of the Constitution, and of their desire to be admitted into union with this Convention, and that they have acceded to the Constitution and Canons of this Church, the Committee recommend that they be so admitted.

JOHN L. WATSON, *Chairman.*

On motion,

Resolved, That clergymen not entitled to seats in this Convention, and Candidates for Holy Orders, be admitted to its sittings. The following accordingly appeared and took their seats in the Convention:

The Rev. John S. Stone, D. D., of the Diocese of New York,
The Rev. James B. Howe, of the Diocese of New Hampshire.
The Rev. Palmer Dyer, of the Diocese of New York.
The Rev. Jesse Pound, of the Diocese of New York.
The Rev. Lot Jones, of the Diocese of New York.
The Rev. Benjamin I. Haight, of the Diocese of New York.
The Rev. Edmund Neville, of the Diocese of Pennsylvania.
The Rev. John Morgan, of the Diocese of Connecticut.
The Rev. William H. Moore, of the Diocese of New Hampshire.
The Rev. Edward Livermore, of the Diocese of New York.
The Rev. George C. Shepard, of the Diocese of Connecticut.
The Rev. Addison Searle, of the Diocese of Michigan, chaplain in the United States navy.
The Rev. Wm. Withington, of the Diocese of Massachusetts.
The Rev. Justin Field, Jr., of the Diocese of Massachusetts.
The Rev. F. W. J. Pollard, of the Diocese of New York.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Convention now proceed to the election of the Standing Committee.

The Rev. Messrs. Woart and Greenleaf were appointed by the Bishop to receive and canvass the votes; who, having attended to that duty, reported that the Convention had made choice of the following gentlemen:

CLERGY.	LAITY.
The Rev. Thomas M. Clark,	Edward S. Rand, Jr., Esq.,
" " Alexander H. Vinton,	George M. Dexter, Esq.,
" " John Woart.	Samuel L. Bush, Esq.

On motion,

Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed, to

whom shall be referred that part of the Bishop's Address which refers to our late venerable Diocesan; and that they be instructed to report Resolutions expressive of the sense of this Convention, in relation to his lamented death.

The Chair appointed the Rev. Dr. Strong, and the Rev. Messrs. Baury and Ballard, of the Clergy; and George M. Dexter, and Edward S. Rand, Esqrs., of the Laity.

On motion,

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed, to whom shall be referred that part of the Bishop's Address which relates to the subject of Tracts.

The Chair appointed the Rev. Messrs. Vinton, Howe, and Shaw.

On motion,

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed, to whom shall be referred that part of the Bishop's Address which relates to a fund for the erection of churches.

The Chair appointed E. S. Rand, Jr., E. D. Beach, and William A. Crocker, Esqrs.

On motion,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed, to take into consideration the income that should be allowed to the Bishop of this Diocese, and the source from which it must be supplied; and, further, to consider and report, in the form of a Canon, or otherwise, what steps it is expedient and proper to take to increase the Episcopal Fund.

The Hon. Jeremiah Mason, W. D. Sohier, Esq., the Hon. E. A. Newton, the Hon. Simon Greenleaf, and William A. Crocker, Esq. were appointed this committee.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Convention now adjourn, to meet to-morrow morning, at 9 o'clock.

{ *St. Paul's Church, Thursday,*
{ *June 15th, 9 o'clock, A. M.*

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment. Morning Prayer was read by the Rev. John P. Robinson, Rector of Christ Church, Quincy; after which, the Bishop having taken the Chair, the Secretary called the roll of the Clergy and Lay Delegates entitled to seats, and the Convention proceeded to business.

The Minutes of the preceding day were read, and, after some amendments, approved.

The Rev. Dr. Strong, from the Committee on that part of the Bishop's Address which refers to the late Diocesan, presented the following

Report:

Whereas, it has pleased Almighty God, in his wise providence, since the last meeting of this Convention, to take from us our late beloved and revered Bishop, the Rt. Rev. Alexander Viets Griswold, D. D., who, for more than thirty years, has presided over the affairs of this Diocese, with distinguished wisdom and fidelity, and whose meekness, consistency, learning and piety endeared him to all the members of our Church; therefore,

Resolved, That in this bereavement, we bow with submission to the will of Him who governs all things, both in heaven and upon earth; and while we deeply feel the loss that we have sustained, and sincerely sympathise with the mourning family and relatives of the deceased in their affliction, our hearts are filled with gratitude to the great Head of the Church, for having raised up, and for so many years continued to us, one who, in appearance and in character, in learning and in charity, in humility and devotion to his Master's cause, was so well qualified for the station in which he was placed, and to whom, under God, we are indebted for so much of the prosperity and increase with which we have been blessed.

Resolved, That we will ever cherish, as an impulse to duty, as well as a treasure of affection, the remembrance of the virtues and excellences of our departed Bishop, and that in the frequent review of his life and conversation, as he went in and out before

us, in the spirit of his divine Lord, we will endeavor to honor his name and to testify the sincerity of our love and our commendation, by adhering to his counsels, and imitating his example.

Resolved, That we recognise and adore the Providence that has so seasonably and amply provided for our necessities in the day of our visitation, by giving to us a Bishop in the place of him that we have lost, whose talents and labors, we doubt not, will all be directed to the promotion of that sacred cause which was so dear to the heart of his predecessor, and who has already secured so much of the affection and confidence of those over whom he is called, in spiritual things, to rule.

Resolved, That measures be taken by the Convention for the erection of a monument or mural tablet to the memory of the Rt. Rev. Bishop Griswold, in Trinity Church, in the city of Boston.

Resolved, That the foregoing resolutions be placed on the records of the Convention, and that the Secretary furnish the family of the late Bishop Griswold with a copy of the same.

In behalf of the Committee.

T. STRONG, *Chairman.*

On motion,

Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed to carry into effect the last but one of the foregoing resolutions, and that others than members of this Convention be eligible to appointment by the Bishop.

The Rev. Messrs. Vinton and Watson, the Rev. Dr. Boyle, Jonathan Mason, Esq., and Dr. George C. Shattuck, were appointed this committee.

On motion,

Resolved, That three, of whom the Bishop shall be one, be added to this committee; and that the Bishop be the Chairman.

Lucius M. Sargent and Richard H. Dana, Esqrs., were thereupon added.

The Rev. Mr. Vinton, for the Committee on the Rules of Order, presented the following Report, which was accepted:

Report:

The Committee to whom were referred the Rules of Order and a proposed amendment to Rule 1st, beg leave to report the following Canons as substitutes for Rules 1st, 2nd, and 3d:

CANON I. At the opening of every Convention, the morning service of the Church shall be read; the Episcopal Charge be delivered, or a sermon by the Bishop, or a Presbyter appointed by him; and the Holy Communion be administered.

CANON II. Daily morning prayer shall be read during the sittings of the Convention, and the session of the last day shall be closed with collects from the Book of Common Prayer, and the Benediction, by the President.

CANON III. At the opening of the Convention, the President having taken the chair, the Secretary of the preceding Convention shall call the names of the Clergy entitled to seats and enter on the minutes the names of those present. He shall then call the names of the parishes entitled to representation, and the Lay Delegates shall place their certificates on the Secretary's table when the churches which they represent shall be called.

This being done, a Secretary shall be chosen, and the following committees be appointed:

1. A *Committee of Qualification*, to consist of two clergymen and one layman, who shall examine all matters relative to the right of membership.

2. A *Committee on New Parishes*, to whom shall be referred the applications of parishes to be admitted into union with this Convention.

3. A *Committee of Finance*, to consist of one clergyman and two laymen, to whom shall be referred the Treasurer's report, the appropriation of the contingent expenses of the Convention, and all other financial matters not specially referred to any other committee.

4. An *Executive Committee*, to consist of three clergymen, who shall propose the place and time of the next annual meeting of the Convention, and suggest such arrangements as may be necessary to carry their proposal into effect.

5. A *Committee on Unfinished Business*, who shall make report of all matters remaining from the last Convention, and requiring present action.

These committees having been appointed, reports shall be received in the following order:

1. The annual communication of the *Standing Committee* of the Diocese.

2. The annual report of the *Treasurer* of the Convention.

3. The annual report of the *Board of Missions.*

4. The annual report of the Trustees of the Society for the Relief of the Widows and Orphans of deceased Clergymen of the Protestant Episcopal Church.

5. The reports of committees appointed at the preceding Convention.

The following officers shall then be chosen by ballot:

The Standing Committee of the Diocese; the Treasurer of the Convention; the Board of Missions; and the Delegates to the General Convention.

The delegations shall then be called upon to pay the amounts assessed upon their respective parishes for the contingent expenses of the Convention.

Then shall follow the Parochial Reports and miscellaneous business.

CANON IV. All Episcopal Charges, and the Journals, shall be published under the direction of the Secretary and Treasurer of the Convention.

Rules of Order.

RULE I. When the President takes the chair, no member shall continue standing, or shall afterwards stand up, except to address the Chair.

No member shall absent himself from the house, unless he have leave, or be unable to attend.

When any member is about to speak, or deliver any matter to the house, he shall, with due respect, address himself to the President, confining himself strictly to the point in debate.

No member shall speak more than twice in the same debate, without leave of the house; nor more than once, until others desiring to speak shall have spoken.

While the President is putting any question, the members shall continue in their seats, and shall not hold any private discourse.

Every member who shall be in the house, when any question

is put, shall vote, unless he be personally interested in the question, or shall be excused by the Convention for reasons assigned.

RULE II. No motion shall be considered as before the Convention unless seconded by a member not belonging to the same parish with the mover; and every motion, when required by any member, shall be reduced to writing.

RULE III. When the report of a committee is presented, it shall be read and entered on the minutes, unless otherwise determined by the house; and, if accompanied by resolutions, the question shall be on adopting them.

RULE IV. When a question is before the Convention, it shall be in order to,—

1. To lay on the table;
2. To postpone to a day certain;
3. To commit;
4. To amend;
5. To postpone indefinitely;

and a motion for any one of these proceedings may be considered as having precedence in the order in which they are here named; and a question on any of these proceedings shall be decided before the original motion.

RULE V. An address or communication from the Bishop shall be in order at any time.

RULE VI. Any member may call for the division of a question, when the sense will admit of it.

RULE VII. The question of adjournment shall always be in order; and that, together with the motion to lay on the table, shall be decided without debate.

RULE VIII. The votes by orders may be called, whenever desired by any member of the Convention; and, when called, shall be entered on the minutes.

RULE IX. On all questions of order, the President shall decide, subject to an appeal to the house.

RULE X. A question, being decided, shall not be reconsidered during the same session, without the consent of two thirds of the members present, nor unless the motion to reconsider be made and seconded by members who voted in the majority on the original decision.

In behalf of the Committee.

A. H. VINTON, *Chairman.*

The several Canons, and Rules of Order, proposed in the foregoing report, were then separately considered, and adopted.

On motion,

Resolved, That a committee, consisting of three clergymen and two laymen, be appointed to revise the Constitution, and to propose such amendments thereof as may be necessary; and that the report of the Committee on the third article of the Constitution, and of the Committee on the Rules of Order, be referred to the same committee; who shall report to the next Convention.

The Chair appointed the Rev. Messrs. Vinton, Greenleaf, and Wells, and Edward S. Rand, Jr., and George M. Dexter, Esqrs.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Convention proceed to the election of a Treasurer for the ensuing year.

The Rev. Mr. Clinch and Dr. George C. Shattuck were appointed to receive and canvass the votes; who, having attended to that duty, reported that the Rev. Isaac Boyle, D. D. was elected.

The Convention then proceeded to elect Delegates to the General Convention. The Rev. N. T. Bent, and E. S. Rand, Jr., Esq., were appointed, by the Chair, a committee to receive and canvass the votes.

On motion,

Resolved, That St. Peter's Church, Cambridgeport, and Trinity Church, Nantucket, be received into union with this Convention;

Whereupon, certificates of the following Lay Delegates from said parishes, were read:

St. Peter's Church, Cambridgeport. George F. R. Wadleigh, Simon Greenleaf, and Nathan Fiske.

Trinity Church, Nantucket. Samuel H. Jenks, Thomas D. Morris, and Charles C. Myrick.

On motion,

Resolved, That the subject of the number of copies to

be printed, of the Journal of this Convention, and of the Bishop's Charge, be referred to the Committee of Finance.

The Rev. Dr. Boyle presented a report of the committee, appointed at a preceding Convention, in reference to Christ Church, Cambridge, which was as follows:

Report:

At a meeting yesterday, of the committee on the subject of Christ Church, Cambridge, the undersigned, as chairman, was requested to communicate to the Convention a statement of facts up to this time, in relation to the business entrusted to them.

At the Convention of 1840, the Rev. Mr. Hoppin, in his parochial report, stated the condition of the Church, and urged its claims for aid as related to the college, and to the Church at large. This report was referred to the Rev. Messrs. Edson, Howe, and Watson. The committee reported, "that a committee of three be appointed to lay the subject of a more competent and permanent support, before the Episcopal community, and to solicit and receive moneys for that object; such moneys to be funded and held by the Trustees of Donations, and applied by the Bishop to the support of the minister of Christ Church."

The report was accepted, and committed to Rev. Dr. Boyle, Rev. Mr. Baury, and Dr. Oliver.

A circular letter was accordingly prepared by the committee, setting forth the condition and claims of the Church, and copies sent to many individuals in Boston, New York, and Philadelphia, supposed to be able and willing to afford their assistance. David Sears, Esq. first subscribed $200 for a parsonage-house, provided the sum of three thousand dollars should be subscribed within a limited time. Samuel D. Parker, Esq., subscribed $300, on conditions expressed in a memorandum. The aid solicited having taken this form, it was supposed that the sums subsequently subscribed were intended for the same object. At the Convention of 1841, the Committee reported progress, and recommended an addition to their number; accordingly, Henry Codman and William Parker, Esqrs. were added. After subscriptions to the amount of $925 were obtained, the difficulty afterwards of increasing it, somewhat discouraged the committee, who doubted the practicability of raising a sufficient sum to attain the object in view, and

their efforts for a time were suspended. But a suggestion having been made, that the Church in Cambridge might supply from their fund a considerable part of the existing deficiency in the sum necessary for a parsonage, a communication was made to the wardens of the Church by the Committee, to the effect, that if the Church would engage to furnish fifteen hundred dollars from their permanent fund, a renewed exertion would be made to increase the sum already subscribed, to a like amount. A vote of the parish was understood to have been passed, soon afterwards, agreeing to meet the proposal of the Committee, although no official notice of the fact was communicated by the wardens.

At the Convention of 1842, in consequence of the decease of one member of the Committee, and the resignation of another, the Rev. Mr. Hoppin and the Hon. Simon Greenleaf were chosen to fill the vacancies.

The Committee at length, with considerable labor, having procured, chiefly by small subscriptions, such an addition as to make the whole sum subscribed fourteen hundred dollars, and the time limited for one of the larger subscriptions having nearly expired, these facts were communicated to the senior warden of the Church, Isaac Lum, Esq. In consequence, a communication was afterwards received from that gentleman, stating that at a meeting of the Society of Christ Church, Cambridge, "sixteen hundred dollars was voted to be appropriated out of the church fund, for the purpose of building a parsonage-house, to be added to the subscription obtained by the Committee." Of the sum subscribed, $452 have been collected, of which $337 have been paid into the hands of Rev. Dr. Boyle, and the remainder, $115, into those of Rev. Mr. Hoppin.

One of the conditional subscribers has lately deceased, and with regard to another, it is not certainly known whether all the conditions expressed in his memorandum, have been fully complied with.

Under these facts and circumstances, the Committee are desirous of having the direction of the Convention as to the manner in which the amount already collected, or which may be hereafter collected, shall be disposed of, and as to their further proceedings in this business.

Respectfully submitted, in behalf of the Committee.

ISAAC BOYLE, *Chairman.*

The Committee appointed to receive and canvass the votes for Delegates to the General Convention, reported that the following gentlemen were elected:

CLERGY.	LAITY.
The Rev. Titus Strong, D. D.	William Appleton, Esq.,
" " Alexander H. Vinton,	The Hon. Edward A. Newton,
" " Theodore Edson,	" " Robert C. Winthrop,
" " Thomas M. Clark.	Benjamin Howard, Esq.

The Hon. E. A. Newton, from the Committee to whom was referred the report of the Board of Missions, presented the following Report, which was adopted:

Report:

The Committee to whom was referred the annual report of the Board of Missions, together with the report of the Treasurer thereof, have attended to the duty assigned them, and beg respectfully to present their views thereon, as follows:

In the opinion of your Committee, the missionary organization of this Diocese, is now nearly perfect; has stood the test of careful experiment; has proved successful; and has given very general, if not entire satisfaction; and it has come to their knowledge, that very intelligent persons in other Dioceses, consider it a model for the Church at large. They recommend, however, some slight modifications in its arrangements, which they think will be found useful.

1st. That all the Churches out of the city of Boston, now included in the Central, or City Association, be separated therefrom, and attached to the associations with which the counties in which they are situated, are now connected. Thus, St. James's, and any other Church in Norfolk, shall hereafter be considered as making part of the Southern Association, and the Churches in Cambridge, Charlestown, Chelsea, and elsewhere in Middlesex and Essex, shall make part of the Northern Association. Thereby leaving the Churches within the limits of the city, to be, alone, the Central Association.

That one member, at least, of the several associations, shall always be a member of the Board, and that his travelling expenses

in attending the meetings of the Board, shall be paid out of the treasuries of the respective associations.

Considering the vast importance to the Church at large, that its strength should be greatly increased in this Diocese, the Committee recommend that the parishes therein be strongly recommended to increase their contributions to the fund for State Missions, and without diminishing their contributions for the other branches.

That the plan of *systematic* contributions be strongly urged by the respective pastors, to the favorable regard and practice of their several flocks.

That the Board be recommended to depute some one of its members, or others, whom it may select, to attend the quarterly meetings of the Associations; experience having shown, that such deputations tend greatly to the encouragement and success of such meetings.

That all other agents, or deputations, for any missionary purpose, unless approved or sanctioned by the Bishop, be discountenanced. The Church in this Diocese, being now complete in its organization and arrangements, is fully competent and willing to perform all the duties devolving upon it, whether in regard to its own immediate interests, or the interests of the Church generally, in the United States, of which it makes a part.

That the success which has attended the efforts of the Board during the past year, should be the subject of devout thanksgiving to Almighty God; and the conduct and management of the Board, the subject of hearty approval, and praise.

The Committee will close their report with the addition of a few statistics, which they think will be satisfactory, and useful to be made public.

The number of communicants in this Diocese at the last annual meeting of this Convention, was 3554.

The amount contributed the past year, for State Missions, appears to be - - - - - $3,153

For General Domestic Missions, - - - 2,774

For Foreign Missions, - - - - 4,568

$10,495

The average contribution, per communicant, for State Missions has been nearly	$ 90
For General Domestic,	80
For Foreign,	1 30
On the aggregate,	2 90

From authentic documents in the possession of your Committee, and now subject to the inspection of the Convention, it appears, that the highest rate of contribution, per communicant, made by any other body of Christians in the United States, for Foreign Missions, to wit, the Congregational Churches in Massachusetts, is $1 10 each. The average rate, of the various religious bodies which contribute to the operations of the Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, of the Congregational and Presbyterian Churches, is seventy cents, per communicant. The average rate contributed by the Congregational Churches in New England, is fifty cents.

That one fourth of the Congregational Churches in New England do not contribute any thing for Foreign Missions, and only one half of the Presbyterian and Congregational Churches together.

That in our Church, of forty-two parishes and congregations of this Diocese, thirty-six have contributed to Foreign Missions, and *all*, save one, to one or other of the departments of missionary work.

These statements are not made with the view to disparage other religious communities — God forbid — nor unduly to exalt our own — but that it may be seen that we are not wanting in the performance of *a part* of our duty; and with the view to encourage ourselves to proceed to the *fulfilment* of it. It is to be feared, that, as a body, we do not *generally* contribute to the extension of the interest of the kingdom of our blessed Redeemer as we ought, — few only, as yet, it must be confessed, are duly alive to the sense of this great privilege; and the object of this exposition, mainly, is to show, that when all *shall* be so alive, we have the power in this Diocese, small though our numbers comparatively are, to effect a vast amount of good on the earth.

All which is respectfully submitted.

THEODORE EDSON,
S. P. PARKER,
EDWARD A. NEWTON, } *Committee.*

On motion,

Resolved, That a committee of one clergyman from each district of the Diocese be appointed to nominate a Board of Missions for the ensuing year.

The Chair appointed the Rev. Messrs. Cutler, Ballard, Davenport, and Clinch.

The Rev. Mr. Vinton, in behalf of the committee to whom was referred that part of the Bishop's address which relates to the subject of Tracts, presented the following report, which was adopted:

Report.

The Committee to whom was referred so much of the Bishop's address as relates to the publication of a series of Episcopal Tracts, respectfully report that they have considered the subject referred to them, and they recommend the adoption by this Convention of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That this Convention fully concur with the Rt. Rev. Bishop of the Diocese, in the views expressed in his address on the importance of extending, in this Diocese, a knowledge of the doctrines, worship, and usages of the Protestant Episcopal Church, by the circulation of suitable Tracts.

Resolved, That a committee of three clergymen and two laymen, of whom the Bishop shall be chairman, be appointed by this Convention, to select and supervise the publication of such a series of Tracts, through the agency of some competent publisher, and to take action for their circulation, throughout the Diocese.

A. H. VINTON, *Chairman.*

The Rev. Messrs. Clark, Mason, and Wells, and the Hon. Simon Greenleaf and J. S. C. Greene, Esq., were appointed the Committee.

The Committee appointed to nominate a Board of Missions, having reported, it was,

On motion,

Resolved, That the Convention proceed to elect the Board of Missions.

The Chair appointed the Rev. Mr. Robinson and Thomas D. Morris, Esq., to receive and canvass the votes.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Church at Cambridge, be authorized to make such disposition of the funds collected, or to be collected, for the benefit of that Church, as shall be consistent with the intention of the donors, and as shall, in their judgment, be most conducive to the interests of the Church.

The Rev. Mr. Ballard, in behalf of the Committee of Finance, reported that they recommend the printing of one thousand copies of the Journal of this Convention, and fifteen hundred copies of the Primary Charge of the Bishop; and also that the travelling expenses of such clergymen as are reported to the Treasurer, be paid out of the Contingent Fund.

The Rev. Mr. Goodwin asked, and obtained, leave of absence for the remainder of the session.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Convention now adjourn, to meet at half past 4 o'clock, P. M.

Thursday, June 15, *half past* 4 *o'clock, P. M.*

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

The Minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

The Committee appointed to receive and canvass the votes for the Board of Missions, reported the following persons as elected:

CLERGY.	LAITY.
The Rev. Alexander H. Vinton,	William Appleton, Esq.,
" " John L. Watson,	Benjamin P. Richardson, Esq.,
" " Thomas M. Clark,	Benjamin Howard, Esq.
" " Charles Mason,	
" " Nathaniel T. Bent,	
" " M. A. DeWolfe Howe,	
" " Henry W. Lee.	

The Rev. Mr. Parker, from the Executive Committee, presented a report, recommending the second Wednesday in June, 1844, at 10 o'clock, A. M., as the time of the next Annual Convention, and Grace Church, Boston, as the place in which the same shall be held.

On motion,

Resolved, That the report be amended by substituting Trinity Church in the place of Grace Church.

The report was then adopted.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Convention now take a recess of fifteen minutes, in order to afford an opportunity for a meeting of the Society for the Relief of the Widows and Orphans of deceased Clergymen, in the Diocese of Massachusetts.

After which, the Convention came to order, and proceeded to business.

E. S. Rand, Jr. Esq., from the committee to whom was referred that part of the Bishop's address relating to the building of churches, presented the following report, which was accepted:

Report.

The Committee to whom was referred that part of the Bishop's address which relates to Church-Building, and the devising of measures to promote the erection of churches within the Diocese, beg leave to report:

That the subject thus committed to them, presents so wide a field, and embraces such a variety of measures and views, that they have found it impossible, in the brief space of time allotted to them, to give it that consideration which its importance deserves. It is, moreover, a subject to which, as a system, the attention of the Episcopal community in this section of our country has been little directed; and inasmuch as its success must depend almost entirely upon the particular measures and agents employed; and deeming it important that any system adopted by the Convention, should be well matured and adopted only after much deliberation

and careful study; and feeling that any plan which they could propose (even could they agree upon one) must necessarily be ill arranged and defective; they would propose that this whole subject be referred to the Board of Missions, as a body well fitted, from their situation and knowledge of the wants of the several parts of the Diocese, to attend to this subject, to consider and report to the next Convention; and beg leave to offer the following resolutions:

Resolved, That that part of the Bishop's address which relates to the [subject of Church-Building, be referred to the Board of Missions, to consider the same, and report to the next Convention, such an organization and measures for the building and increase of churches in the Diocese, as they may deem expedient.

Resolved, That, until the meeting of the next Convention, the Board of Missions be, and they hereby are authorized, to receive such sums of money and donations, as may be given or made to them for the erection of new churches, or in aid of existing churches in the Diocese, and to appropriate the same according to the direction of the donors, or when not specifically appropriated by the donors, in such manner as they may deem best.

All which is respectfully submitted.

E. S. Rand, Jr.,
On behalf of the Committee.

The Hon. Jeremiah Mason, from the Committee on the Episcopal Fund, reported the following Canon and Resolution, which were unanimously adopted:

Canon of 1843.

Respecting the increase of the Episcopal Fund.

It shall be the duty of every parish in this Diocese annually to raise and pay over to the Treasurer of the Trustees of Donations to the Protestant Episcopal Church in this commonwealth, a sum of money equal to five per centum on the amount of the salary of its minister, to be added to the permanent fund for the support of the Bishop of this Diocese; and the said Treasurer shall report annually to this Convention, the amount by him received from each parish.

Resolved, That the accruing income of the Episcopal Fund held by the Trustees of Donations to the Protestant Episcopal Church in this State, be paid to the Right Rev. Bishop of this Diocese, towards his support.

On motion of the Hon. E. A. Newton,

Resolved, That the Treasurer of this Convention be directed to transmit a copy of the canon "respecting the increase of the Episcopal Fund," to the minister and wardens of each parish in the Diocese, at least two months before the meeting of the next Annual Convention, and call on them to make the requisite contribution.

The Minutes of the Convention having been read and approved, it was,

On motion,

Resolved, That, after prayers by the Bishop, the Convention adjourn *sine die*.

Adjourned accordingly.

Attest, HENRY W. LEE, *Secretary*.

APPENDIX.

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

Suffolk County.

Trinity Church, Boston.

THE BISHOP OF THE DIOCESE, Rector.
THE REV. J. L. WATSON, Assistant Minister on the Greene Foundation.

Baptisms, (infants 23, adults 3,) 26. Marriages, 12. Burials, 16. Communicants, about 350. Sunday schools, 2: scholars 280, teachers 38. The scholars of both schools are catechised, "openly, in the church," on the last Sunday of every month. Contributions for religious and missionary objects: from the Ladies' Missionary Association, $385; to the General Board of Missions, and for missions in the Diocese, $1,548; collections at the offertory, $720; other religious and charitable contributions, $1,933: total $4,586.

Christ Church, Boston.

THE REV. JOHN WOART, Rector.

Persons confirmed, 11. Baptisms, 49. Burials, 13. Communicants; added 21, whole number 241. Sunday school chil-

dren, about 200. Catechetical instruction in Church continued as usual. A Bible class of young ladies also meets at the same hours with the Sunday school. Missionary and charitable contributions, $634 45; collections for the poor, $124 26.

The Rector has not yet a perfect list of the communicants. He therefore continues the number given in the last report of his predecessor. He hopes to arrange a list the present year.

The number of confirmations reported by me to the last Convention, was unusually large. This year the number is unusually small. I believe, however, that there has been an increase of seriousness in the congregation.

With the exception of July and August, a lecture has been delivered in the chapel every Wednesday evening throughout the year. The church has been open for divine service one Sunday evening in every month. The Rector has also taken part with the Rectors of Grace Church and St. Paul's, in holding a monthly missionary meeting in each of these churches in rotation.

During the present summer, a short religious service is conducted by the Rector, in the chapel, every morning at half past five o'clock.

In addition to other improvements in this church, the framework of the bells has been recently repaired. They can now be rung, which has not been the case for the last twenty years.

It may be proper to state, that a little more than $100 of our missionary contributions was collected at one of the united meetings.

St. Paul's Church, Boston.

THE REV. ALEXANDER H. VINTON, D. D., Rector.

It has pleased God to nourish with his goodness the congregation of this Church, grafting in their hearts the love of the truth, and increasing in them the fruits of true religion. The most obvious and ready sign of this spiritual prosperity is perhaps the steadfast interest of the congregation in the outward means and auxiliaries of the Christian life; next to this, their enlarged beneficence; while less conspicuous, but more sure, and, to a pastor's heart, more inspiriting, are indications of grace, of which he is

sometimes the only human witness; humility growing deep from a juster self-knowledge, faith confirmed by affliction, and religious sensibility matured by self-discipline, into Christian principle, which is steady without being cool.

The plan and order of religious services have been the same as were reported to the last Convention.

The following is a report of the statistics required by the canon. Baptisms, (infants 16, adults 2) 18. Number of persons confirmed, 39. Communicants: added, 45; deceased, 3; present number, 350. Marriages, 3. Burials, 10. Number of scholars in the Sunday school, 160. Number of teachers, 34. The amount of contributions for missionary, and other charitable purposes, has been apportioned as follows: for objects strictly missionary, about $4,500; for the support of candidates for the ministry, $900; for church-building, $1,042; for other charitable objects, $791 61; total sum of charities, $7,233 61.

Grace Church, Boston.

THE REV. THOMAS M. CLARK, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 38, adults 14,) 52. Communicants, 321. Confirmed, 39. Marriages, 14. Burials, 13. Sunday schools, 2: number of scholars, 200. Missionary contributions: General Board, $773 97; Massachusetts Board, $306 03; City Mission, $250; education of young men for the ministry, $305; other contributions for religious purposes, $427 49; offerings for the poor, $220 45; total, $2,282 94.

Seven years have now elapsed since Grace Church was consecrated to the service of Almighty God, and in review of all the circumstances of its history during this period, we see abundant reason for devout thankfulness and praise. Two hundred and seventy-four persons have been admitted to the church in baptism, and precisely the same number have been confirmed.

There are seven young men now communicants of this church, who are engaged in studies preparatory to the ministry, four of whom have been admitted as Candidates for Holy Orders.

The amount contributed for missionary objects, under the quiet and steady operation of the system of monthly offerings, in the past year, has been very decidedly increased.

St. Matthew's Church, South Boston.

THE REV. JOSEPH H. CLINCH, Rector.

Baptisms, infants, 28. Communicants: added, 19; died or removed, 14; present number, 49. Confirmed, 0. Marriages, 6. Burials, 13. Sunday scholars, 70. Missionary contributions: General Board, $27 36; Massachusetts Board, $18; other contributions for religious and benevolent objects, $38 75.

There is reason to believe that this parish is at present in a more healthy and prosperous condition than it has been for several years; the average attendance is larger than it has ever before been, and an increased degree of interest appears to be manifested, amongst those of other denominations, in reference to the Church and her institutions.

Free Church of the Episcopal City Mission Society.

On the first of April, the subscriber, at the request of the Bishop, received an invitation from the Secretary of the Boston City Mission Society, "to take charge of the congregation worshiping in the chapel of the Society, in Common street, until a missionary should be appointed to succeed the Rev. S. McBurney, resigned."

Having accepted this invitation, he immediately commenced his official duties; in the course of which, he has visited about fifty families, these being nearly all whose names and places of abode he has hitherto been able to ascertain. He shall continue his inquiries, having reason to believe that not less than a hundred families, or parts of families, worship constantly or occasionally at the chapel.

From an examination of the records of the late incumbent, it would appear, that from the time of his last annual report to the period of his resignation, two adults and eleven infants have been baptised, eight marriages have taken place, and ten burials. The number of Sunday scholars was found to be greatly reduced from that reported in June last. It is believed that most of them had gone to other Episcopal places of worship. Not more than about thirty attend at present. The school has been recently more

completely organized, by the choice of an experienced superintendent. The sum of $7 65 was lately contributed by the children for domestic missions.

A short time since, the school-room in Common street, where the congregation had assembled for several years, was taken down by the city authorities; and since the beginning of this month, public worship has been conducted at a hall in Washington street, No. 339. The morning and evening services of the Church have been regularly performed on the Lord's day, and the Holy Communion administered at the stated seasons. The number of persons present has been generally less than a hundred. There has sometimes been a third service, and it is intended to continue it in future, if possible, without interruption. Since the resignation of the late minister, three infants have been admitted to baptism, and two marriages have been solemnized.

The prospect which is now afforded of the erection of a convenient edifice at no distant period, in consequence of the munificent proposal of a generous member of our Church, and the measures at present in operation for procuring a favorable site for building, encourage a reasonable hope that through the divine blessing on our prayers and efforts, a fresh impulse will be given to this beneficent institution, which will greatly add to the number of that portion of our community, for whose advantage and spiritual improvement it was originally formed, who may be inclined to avail themselves of its privileges.

Respectfully submitted by

ISAAC BOYLE, *Acting Minister.*

Mount Zion Church, Chelsea.

THE REV. W. S. BARTLET, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 9, adults 3) 12. Communicants: added, 16; died or removed, 4; present number, 39. Confirmed, 13. Marriages, 2. Burials, 3. Sunday scholars, 23. Missionary contributions: General Board, $20; Massachusetts Board, $29 67; other contributions for religious purposes: $5 35 by children in Sunday school, for a Sunday school library for themselves; $1 Christmas collection in Sunday school, for General Board.

The present incumbent took charge of the parish September 1st, 1842; previously to which, services had been held with regularity for some months. The town is rapidly increasing, and there can be but little doubt that eventually the Church will be firmly established. Some members of the congregation have raised a portion of the funds necessary to buy a lot of land and erect a church; and it depends upon the assistance they receive from their brethren in other places, whether or not this object shall be gained.

Norfolk County.

Christ Church, Quincy.

The Rev. John P. Robinson, Rector.

The Rector entered upon the duties of his parish on the 10th of April, 1842, and this report is inclusive from that date to this Convention.

This parish, which had been in a desponding state for some time, has awakened to new life. The first effort on the part of the parish, was the alteration of the interior of the church. This was made judiciously, and in good taste. This important work finished, it was resolved by the parishioners, the Lord being their helper, that they would build a house for their minister. The pious resolve was at once carried out; on Christmas eve the parsonage was raised; and, on the first day of April, it was occupied by the Rector's family. The building is thirty-six by twenty-seven feet, constructed of the best materials and workmanship, and valued at $1,200.

Although the means of the people are very limited, it has been erected without involving the parish in any debt. The whole amount due for materials is $250, for which the Rector and another individual alone are responsible. This has been a work of faith. For a feeble parish it has been a vast undertaking, and the self-denial which has been so cheerfully practiced in order to accomplish it, affords the pleasing assurance, that it was begun, continued, and ended in dependence on God. "There is every reason, (says the Rev. Dr. Cutler, in his sermon preached in

Christ Church, Quincy, on completing a century since its formation,) to believe that the Church would have sunk in ruins, after the American revolution, had it not been for this house and land; the rent of which kept it in repair, and afforded the occasional services of a clergyman." This house *now* built, I feel assured, under God's providence, will preserve this Church to generations to come. May those whose untiring exertions and labors have been given from the commencement to the close of this work, be held in grateful remembrance by all who love our Holy Apostolic Church.

The spiritual interests of the parish, the Rector trusts, have kept pace with its growing temporal prosperity. While the gospel of Christ has been humbly, and, he hopes, truly preached, his heart has been rejoiced with evidence of its being truly received, and truly followed, and made the wisdom of God and the power of God, unto the salvation of souls. The stated services throughout the year, have been *three* upon Sunday, two lectures during the week, the observance of the holy days of the Church, and a missionary service once a month. To these may be added, other public services performed at Hingham, Braintree, and Milton; the first named of these places has already the nucleus of a Church. The contributions by the parish and Sunday school to missions, from the fact of their being, in most instances, the fruit of extra labor and self-denial, are very grateful to him whose lot it is to minister among them.

Amount of contributions to missions since last October: for Massachusetts Board and Missionary Association, $17 60; Christmas offerings for Massachusetts Missions, $9; Massachusetts Board, in February, $25; Quinquagesima collection, $10 78; quarterly payment to Massachusetts Board, $25; total, $87 38. Baptisms, (adults 3, infants 8,) 11. Confirmed, 16. Communicants on the list when last reported, in 1841, 46; present number, 70. Marriages, 1. Funerals, 5.

St. Paul's Church, Dedham.

THE REV. SAMUEL B. BABCOCK, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 15, adults 2,) 17. Communicants: added, 10; died or removed, 5; present number, 40. Confirmed, 11.

Marriages, 3. Burials, 7. Sunday scholars, 35. Missionary contributions, $75 34. Of this, $29 were for the General Board of Missions.

St. James's Church, Roxbury.

THE REV. M. A. DEWOLFE HOWE, Rector.

The Rector respectfully reports: that in his parochial cure there are 143 communicants; 7 have been transferred to the newly-organized parish of St. John's, Jamaica Plain; 10 have died, or removed, during the past ecclesiastical year; 30 have been added to the list. Confirmed, 11. Baptisms, (infants 16, adults 1,) 17. Marriages, 4. Funerals, 4. The missionary contributions of the parish have amounted to $229 54 to the Foreign Department of the General Board; $96 52 to the Domestic Department; other contributions for charitable purposes, $88 19; total, $414 25. The Sunday school has 12 teachers and 70 scholars. In the last report, the school at St. John's was reckoned as part of our own. That parish had not then a separate parochial existence.

From the above statistics, it appears that the parish is steadily progressing in numbers, in efficiency, and in all those religious observances and benevolent efforts, which betoken an healthy and substantial growth.

Of the financial condition of the parish the Rector will not again report, until he has to announce the successful issue of some plan for the payment of the church debt, or, the failure of all plans, and the mortifying, and (to the Church at large) disastrous loss of one of our most beautiful and substantial ecclesiastical edifices. The sum required for its redemption is trifling, compared with what the parish have already paid; and yet they have not, I fear, the ability, moral or pecuniary, unassisted, to raise the necessary amount. They have expended much, toiled hard, and waited patiently.

"The kingdom of God, and his righteousness," is, I would fain believe, in some hopeful degree the aim of our spiritual household; may we not anticipate that all needful temporalities, will, by some means of God's appointment, be added unto us.

Essex County.

St. Paul's Church, Newburyport.

THE REV. JOHN S. DAVENPORT, Rector.

Baptisms: infants, 7. Confirmed, 11. Communicants: added, 9; died or removed, 6; present number 112. Marriages, 4. Burials, 10. Sunday scholars, 95. Missionary contributions, $110 85. Other contributions, $121 59.

This parish, which, at the last Convention, was reported vacant in consequence of the decease of its late Rector, the Rev. James Morss, D. D., remained so, having been supplied by different clergymen, until the first Sunday in Lent, at which time the present incumbent having been chosen Rector, entered upon the duties of the office, and wants only the reception of Priest's Orders to be instituted.

The parish has continued prosperous and united as in years past. The proprietors of the church have recently determined upon an alteration of the interior, with a view to increased accommodations, which are called for.

St. Peter's Church, Salem.

THE REV. CHARLES MASON, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 15, adults 8,) 23. Communicants: added, 30; died or removed, 12; present number, 142. Confirmed, 22. Marriages, 5. Burials, 10. Sunday school: teachers, 16; scholars, 95. Missionary contributions: General Board, $300; State Board, $100; other charitable contributions, $200; total, $600.

The prosperity of this Church has continued without interruption. There has been a steady increase in the number of worshippers and communicants. More have removed from the parish than usual, but their places have been soon occupied.

Through a part of the year an unusual degree of seriousness pervaded the congregation, and deep and abiding religious impressions were produced in many hearts.

The plan for the distribution of prayer-books and tracts, mentioned in my last report, has been continued, and there have been circulated in the parish, during the year, about two thousand tracts, and thirty prayer-books. A considerable number of Bibles, prayer-books, and tracts, have also been given to seamen. The continuance of this distribution, which is effected principally through the zealous efforts of a few ladies of the parish, and a contribution by a charitable society, of which most of the congregation are members, must lead to important results.

St. Michael's Church, Marblehead.

THE REV. M. P. STICKNEY, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 14, adults 1,) 15. Communicants, about 100. Marriages, 1. Burials, 5.

Several persons are "ready and desirous" to be confirmed, who, God willing, will be presented to the Bishop, that they may receive that rite, at the time appointed for his visitation.

The youth and children of the parish are catechised, "openly in the church," on the last Sunday in every month, by the Rector.

The tracts of the Protestant Episcopal Tract Society are distributed to every family of the parish, monthly, and the reading of them, it is believed, is a useful auxiliary to the ordinary ministrations of the word, in promoting true religion and virtue among the people.

St. James's Church, Amesbury.

THE REV. SILAS BLAISDALE, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 2, adults 3,) 5. Communicants: added, 4; removed, 4; present number, 24. Confirmed, 5. Marriages, 2. Burials, 2. Sunday school: 30 children; 3 small classes of adults. Missionary contributions: General Board, $4; Massachusetts Board, $10 78; Easter collection, $4 85; for the poor of the vicinity, $5 06; total, $24 69.

In consequence of the depression of manufacturing business, the population of the village, during the year past, has considerably diminished, and four families belonging to the parish have

removed. Yet, by the blessing of God, we have been able to pay $200 of the debt, which has long been standing against the Church, leaving a remainder of $200 still due. $145 of the sum paid were the avails of a *fair*, held by the ladies of the parish. $55 were the gift of three ladies of Christ Church, Philadelphia, by the Rev. Dr. Dorr.

Christ Church, Andover.

THE REV. SAMUEL FULLER, D. D., Rector.

Baptisms: infants, 14. Communicants: added, 16; died, 2; removed, 5; present number, 76. Confirmed, 5. Marriages, 2. Burials, 5. Sunday school: scholars, 110; teachers, 17. Missionary contributions: General Board, $70 78; Massachusetts Board, $13 44. Other contributions for religious purposes: Episcopal Fund, $7 22; Sunday school, $34 57; parish objects, $20 35.

This parish has, during the year, as from the beginning, experienced, through the blessing of God, a gradual and stable growth. The congregations, on all occasions of public worship, were never larger, and never were there more evident indications of future and permanent prosperity.

Since the consecration of the church, in the autumn of 1837, *eighty-six* persons have been added to the communion, making the average annual increase *fourteen*. Among the present communicants are *seven* candidates for orders, of whom *six* have become such during the past year. The number of baptisms administered by the present Rector is also *eighty-six*; the number confirmed, during his connection with the parish, is *sixty-five*, and there are now several candidates awaiting the appointed visit of the Bishop. Since his institution, the Rector has preached and lectured more than three times a week, on the average, no account being made of Sunday school teachers' meetings, of bad weather, of his sickness, or necessary absence. When he recollects that he has thus labored in a place, where, in a population of not more than 2,500, there are no less than six houses of worship, he wishes to record his grateful praise to the Author of all

health and godliness, for granting him even this measure of strength and success.

Under the able superintendence of Mr. E. F. Slafter, a candidate for orders, and a member of the seminary, who is assisted in his important work by six other theological students, the Sunday school has increased, both in numbers and efficiency. From the end of the Epiphany season till Easter, the catechism was, as in former years, the sole study, and at the annual examination in the church, on the Sunday before Easter, it was found that nearly all the children could repeat the whole of this incomparable summary of Christian doctrine. The teachers' meeting, conducted by the Rector, has been held on Friday evening, almost without interruption, and has been more fully attended than during any preceding year. The Expository lecture on the Scripture Lessons has been continued on Sunday evening, and a course of lectures on the Epistle to the Hebrews has been commenced for Wednesday evenings. Soon after the last Convention, the Rector also delivered several familiar lectures upon the geography of the Holy Land, with special reference to the discoveries which modern research has effected in that most interesting country.

This parish deserves great commendation for the laudable efforts it has ever made to sustain itself, and this during a period of almost unparalleled pecuniary embarrassment and depression of business. May it continually grow in numbers and "true religion." May its members never become weary in welldoing! May they realize more and more the importance and responsibility of their position! May every heart be made a temple of the Holy Ghost, through Jesus Christ, our Lord!

Middlesex County.

Christ Church, Cambridge.

The Rev. Nicholas Hoppin, Rector.

Baptisms: infants, 6. Communicants: added, 13; died or removed, 21; present number, 43. Marriages, 3. Burials, 7. Sunday scholars, 21. Missionary contributions: General Board,

$17 47; collection for Sunday school library, $9 44; Communion offerings, $56 53.

Through the blessing of God, the outward prosperity of this parish as to numbers, continues nearly the same as in former years, and its spiritual welfare, (though far short of our wishes and our prayers,) has been, it is hoped, in some degree advanced. There have been discouragements, it is true, during the past year; such as a diminution of the Rector's salary, and the loss of several valuable members, who, living nearer, have become connected with the newly-organized parish of St. Peter's, in Cambridgeport. The prospect of adding a parsonage-house to the Church property shortly, may, in some degree, counterbalance the former of these disadvantages. As to the latter, the increase of the number of our churches, must always be a source of joy, however hard to sever the tie between pastor and people. We trust that our ancient church has thus far been sustained, through many seasons of discouragement, for some good end in the wise providence of God.

The Sunday school, though small, includes, with a trifling exception, all the children belonging to the congregation. In connection with it, a Bible class has been formed under the instruction of the Rector.

St. Peter's Church, Cambridgeport.

THE REV. D. R. BREWER, Minister.

This parish was organized on the 27th day of October, 1842. The regular services of the Church were commenced at the Town Hall, on the second Sunday in Advent, and have been continued in the same place, without interruption, to the present time. They have been usually attended by a congregation of between one hundred and one hundred and fifty persons, who have seemed attentive and interested.

Considering the inconvenience of our place of worship, and the difficulties incident to the formation of a new parish, the condition and prospects of this Church are prosperous and encouraging; we have good reason to believe and hope that, under the blessing of God, it will ultimately become vigorous and flourishing.

Upon mature deliberation, it has been thought the most expedient and judicious plan to erect a small building, suitable for the performance of divine service, until an increase of our numbers and means shall warrant the erection of a larger and more expensive church. A lot of land has been selected and purchased for this purpose; and it is intended that the edifice shall be built and finished during the present summer.

The parish is deeply indebted to Richard H. Dana, Esq., of Boston, for the generous donation of a valuable piece of land in Cambridgeport; this timely benefaction will be of great service to the interests of the Church.

The number of families now belonging to this parish is about 35. Number of communicants about 15. Teachers and scholars in the Sunday school, 25. Burials, 1. Baptisms, (infants 2, adults 1,) 3. Contributions for missions, $22 10; for surplice and gown, $40; ladies' contribution for communion plate and other purposes, $105 76.

St. Anne's Church, Lowell.

THE REV. THEODORE EDSON, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 57, adults 36,) 93. Communicants: added, 103; died or removed, 18; present number, 320. Confirmed, 80. Marriages, 7. Burials, 21. Sunday scholars, 565. Missionary contributions: General Board, $64; Massachusetts Board, $80; other, $65.

Through the mercy and goodness of God, this congregation has been favored with even more than its accustomed degree of prosperity, during the past year. The Rector, who, on account of indisposition, was absent from his people about three months, has been entirely restored to health; and was enabled to resume the full parochial duty on the first of October. His place was happily supplied, during his illness, by the very valuable and acceptable services of the Rev. George Leeds.

Two confirmations were held by the late Bishop, and a third was appointed by him for the 19th of February, the Sunday next succeeding his lamented death.

Among the causes which have contributed to promote and sustain the continued prosperity of this parish, the Rector cannot

forbear to mention the unsparing efforts of faithful superintendents and devoted teachers of our Sunday schools.

Since the last Convention, St. Anne's Church has been purchased of the Merrimac Company (by whom it was built) at the price of twelve thousand dollars; and that sum, raised among ourselves, was paid on the first day of March. A sense of what is due to the worship of God, and a worthy ambition to be free from debt, have actuated our people in this good work. The effort of raising such a sum in a small congregation, has, it will be seen, diminished somewhat the amount of our accustomed contributions for other religious and benevolent purposes. We feel, however, that since God has blessed us so liberally in spiritual, as well as temporal things, we should not be long in making up any deficiency that may be due to *His* service and glory, to whom we are so much indebted.

St. Luke's Church, Lowell.

THE REV. AMOS D. McCOY, Rector.

This parish was privileged to see the corner-stone of their church laid by the late Rt. Rev. Dr. Griswold, accompanied by a number of the clergy of Boston and its vicinity, on the 1st day of August last. On the first day of January they worshipped in their lecture-room, in the basement of the church, which is provided with sittings to accommodate five hundred persons. Since the lecture-room was opened, the average number of attendants upon the services of Sunday has been from three to four hundred persons. The expenditure for the purchase of the land, and the erection of the church, has been $11,500. Three thousand more will be required to complete the building. Four thousand dollars have been loaned on mortgage; two thousand are held as stock; the remainder of what has now been expended, is gratuitously contributed to the Church.

Baptisms, (infants 14, adults 8,) 22. Confirmed, 40. Marriages, 12. Burials, 9. Communicants: added, 35; removed, 12; deceased, 2; suspended from the communion, 1; present number, 98. Upon the list of the Sunday school there are 200. The average number of attendants has been about 150 scholars. Contributions: to the Domestic Committee of the General Missionary Board, $15; to the Foreign Committee, $7.

St. John's Church, Charlestown.

THE REV. P. H. GREENLEAF, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 15, adults 5,) 20. Communicants: added, 29; died or removed, 7; present number, 105. Marriages, 4. Burials, 9. Sunday school: scholars, 154; teachers, 22; total, 176. Missionary contributions: Board of Missions, $133; other objects, $126; total, $259.

The Rector has officiated, generally, upon the Sundays and holy days throughout the year. In the winter season, and to the present time, he has preached three times on Sunday; held a meeting for religious instruction once in the week; a meeting of Sunday school teachers once in the week; a missionary meeting once in a month; and a meeting of communicants before each communion.

He superintends his own Sunday school; teaches a Bible class in it; and catechises the children "openly, in the church." A library of 305 volumes is kept open on Sunday, for the use of the Sunday school, and contains within it the germ of a parochial library, which, it is proposed, at some future day, to establish.

He is happy to be able to report the condition of the parish as increasing in number, in usefulness, and in spiritual life. Most gratefully would he record the affectionate interest of his people, as continually manifested toward him, and the Church; and the rich experience he has had of the Divine blessing upon his labors, combined with the great unanimity of affection toward himself personally, induces him to hope, and most confidently expect, the permanent establishment in this place of a large and powerful parish.

St. Mary's Church, Newton Lower Falls.

THE REV. ALFRED L. BAURY, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 11, adults 5,) 16. Communicants: added, 15; died or removed, 15; present number, 126. Confirmed, 14. Marriages, 4. Burials, 14. Sunday scholars, 161. Missionary contributions, $100: Massachusetts Board, $50; General Board, $50. Sunday school society, $29 51; Bishop's Fund, $28.

The Sunday following the meeting of the last Convention this Church was favored with an official visit from our late venerated and beloved Diocesan, who then expressed himself gratified with the general state of the parish. And it has continued to this present, as the above statistics evince, in a state of comparative spiritual prosperity.

With regard to its temporal condition, being situated in a manufacturing village, its members have felt, and still feel, "the pressure of the times," which is not favorable to an increase, but rather tends to a diminution of our population.

Plymouth County.

St. Andrew's Church, Hanover.

THE REV. SAMUEL CUTLER, Rector.

Baptisms, (children 15, adults 6,) 21. Communicants: added, 18; died or removed, 2; present number, 129. Confirmed, 13. Marriages, 5. Burials, 9. Sunday school: teachers, 15; scholars, 80. Missionary contributions: General Board, $112 71; Massachusetts Board, $60 03; for monthly distribution of tracts, $10 01; other contributions, $37 34.

The *temporal* condition of this parish is encouraging. Unembarrassed by any debt, and with adequate means for the payment of the salary of the Rector and incidental expenses as they *quarterly* become due, the parishioners have the satisfaction of reflecting that they do their part in providing for the prompt and adequate support of the ministrations of the gospel among themselves. Our desire is, that their contributions to extend the same blessed privileges to others, may be increased.

Its *spiritual* condition is such as to encourage the hope, that, by God's blessing, this ancient parish, in which the truth has been preserved for more than a century, will stand as a beacon-light, to guide the tempest-tost, on the sea of error by which it is surrounded, to its safe and peaceful shelter.

Trinity Church, Marshfield.

THE REV. SAMUEL CUTLER, Officiating Minister.

Baptisms: children, 2. Communicants, added, none; died, 1; present number, 9. Burials, 1.

During the year past, services were appointed twice a month during the summer and autumnal months, and once a month since that time. The congregations have been large and attentive, although there are but few Episcopalians in a small population, in which are three resident ministers of other denominations.

Bristol County.

St. Thomas's Church, Taunton.

THE REV. N. T. BENT, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 15, adults 9,) 24. Communicants: added, 37; died or removed, 14; present number, 107. Confirmed, 32. Marriages, 1. Burials, 9. Sunday scholars, 130. Missionary contributions: General Board, $56 32; Massachusetts Board, $50; District Mission, $80; Bishop Chase, $10; Bishop's Fund, $25; aid of Churches, $41; Sunday school, $40; offerings for the poor, $94 39; total, $396 71.

This parish may be reported as prosperous, although being partially dependent, for its numbers, on the manufacturing population, it has felt the interruptions and depressions of the last year in the manufactories of the town. Some twenty families have been forced from the place to seek their livelihood, and these losses have been deeply regretted. But it is matter of encouragement, that, for the last two or three years, the congregation has been gradually drawing to itself the more permanent population of the town. And, although the business of the place could hardly reach a lower point of depression than it has seen the last year, the parish has held on its steady way, its treasury supplied, it is true, by a very heavy draft upon a portion of its members, but still, cheerfully supplied, and a prosperous passage through such a year has given us great confidence in the substantial strength of the body.

In spiritual things we have been richly blessed. The additions to the communion, nearly or quite double those of any former year, have been mainly from the ranks of the young, and of a most encouraging character. The Sunday school, and especially the Bible class, have yielded a delightful harvest, and are full of promise now. The increase of the missionary spirit has hardly had its fair expression, on account of the circumstances of the parish. Indeed, this is one of those cases where ability is taxed almost to its limit, for the support of the Church at home, and yet it will be seen that no mean offerings have gone abroad. The parish are deeply interested in the mission of the Rev. Mr. Snow, in our region. It was at their unaided expense, that the experiment of two months was tried, and their contributions to this object, for the future, will testify their sense of what the mission is accomplishing.

We may record, as the blessing of this Church, the evident increase of personal piety, a growing attachment to the distinctive features of our beloved Church, and the unbroken continuance of peace and love in our borders.

Grace Church, New Bedford.

THE REV. THOMAS R. LAMBERT, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 18, adults 12,) 30. Communicants: added, 35; removed, 5; present number, 100. Confirmed, 13. Marriages, 3. Burials, 1. Sunday scholars, 192. Teachers, 26.

The Rector is happy to report that the affairs of his parish continue to present an encouraging aspect. The congregation is increasing; and the Christian attachment and affection which seem to bind the whole together, call for our highest ascription of praise and thanksgiving to the Great Head of the Church.

Church of the Ascension, Fall River.

THE REV. GEORGE M. RANDALL, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 15, adults 2,) 17. Communicants: added, 17; died or removed, 19; present number, 77. Burials, 9. Marriages, 12. Sunday scholars, 110. Teachers, 24. Volumes

in the library, 250. Missionary contributions, $65: Massachusetts Board, $48; Domestic Committee, $11; Foreign, $6. Sunday school, $31; total, $96.

It will appear from the above statistics, that there has been an unusually large number of removals from the parish, during the past year.

The services in Lent were particularly blessed. There are a number of Candidates for the Holy Communion, waiting to receive the apostolic rite of Confirmation. The parish continues to strengthen, gradually; and I may safely say, that in a temporal and spiritual point of view, it was never in a more prosperous condition. As evincing an increased missionary spirit, I am happy to say, that the amount of contributions during the past year for missionary purposes, has been more than *double* that of any other year since the organization of the parish.

From the report of The Rev. T. W. Snow, *Missionary for the Southern District of Massachusetts.*

In compliance with the requisition of a canon of the General Convention of 1835, I would report that, during the first eight months of the last Conventional year, I was occupied without interruption, in the Churches of Boston and its vicinity; either assisting my brethren, where they needed my assistance, or taking their places, when absent.

During the last four months, I have been engaged as a missionary in the Southern District of our State, where the number of persons now under the influence of my ministrations is about five hundred.

Worcester County.

St. John's Church, Wilkinsonville.

The Rev. Daniel L. B. Goodwin, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 7, adults 4,) 11. Communicants: added, 4; died or removed, 10; present number, 85. Confirmed, 3. Mar-

riages, 1. Burials, 7. Sunday scholars, 75. Missionary contributions: General Board, $72 51; Massachusetts Board, $20.

The Rector has officiated every Sunday during the year, and has preached every Sunday but two, when his pulpit was supplied by others. There has been also divine service, both morning and afternoon, on Ash-Wednesday; the Wednesdays in Lent; and Good Friday. And a morning service on the other days in Passion week, Monday and Tuesday in Easter week, Ascension-Day, and the Monday and Tuesday in Whitsun week. The church is also opened for public worship on Friday afternoon before the communion Sundays. On all these occasions the proper services are followed by an unwritten address on some appropriate subject.

Hampden County.

Christ Church, Springfield.

The Rev. Henry W. Lee, Rector.

Baptisms, (children 25, adults 4,) 29. Communicants: added, 27; died or removed, 14; present number, 83. Confirmed, 8. Marriages, 9. Burials, 14. Sunday scholars, 70. Missionary contributions: General Board, $125 50; Massachusetts Board, $40 50. Other contributions for religious purposes: Indigent persons, $33 56. Convention expenses, Sunday school library, and various parish objects, $66 11. And in addition to this, about $240 have, during the year, been raised and paid by the ladies of the parish towards the organ. Total contributions, $505 67.

Of the $166 contributed for missionary purposes, the sum of $100 was given by a benevolent individual who has removed from the parish; so that the amount paid to the General Board the past year is considerably greater than can ordinarily be expected from the parish.

A Parochial and Missionary Association has been in existence most of the year, and it is chiefly from this source that the missionary contributions from the parish have come. It promises to be very successful in raising funds for the purposes which its name designates.

The Sunday school is becoming more and more interesting and efficient. Weekly contributions are still continued, by which the scholars support one child at the African mission school. The provisions of the Church in reference to catechetical instruction have been more strictly complied with during the past year than in any previous one. The children are much interested in the exercise, and are desirous for its frequent repetition.

Increased attention has been paid to the various holy days of the Church; and the wisdom of the Church in their appointment has been proportionably felt by the Rector and people.

The parish may be considered as in a prosperous condition, though, like many others, it labors under the disadvantage of a debt; which circumstance alone has obliged it to continue a beneficiary of the Board of Missions, longer than it had anticipated.

The Rector has held occasional services in neighboring villages, where our Church is but little known, and where great good might be accomplished by more constant labors.

As the parish has enjoyed no Episcopal visitation since nearly a year ago, when it was favored, for the last time, with the services of our late venerable and beloved Bishop, only a small number are reported as having been confirmed; but it is hoped that a considerable number will present themselves for the apostolic rite when opportunity offers.

For the blessings of His providence and grace which God has vouchsafed to this people, for the peace and unity which characterize this portion of His vineyard, and for the cheering prospects which he seems to be opening before us, His holy name be praised!

St. Mark's Church, Blandford.

THE REV. H. H. BATES, Rector.

The general condition of the Church in Blandford, remains nearly the same, as at the period of the last report to the Convention. Since the first of April, 1842, our services have been held one half of the time in a very convenient house at the North Meadow, two miles from our church.

Inasmuch as by this arrangement we have increased the number of attendants upon our services, it is deemed advisable to continue it. The inhabitants of that village are desirous of erecting a church; but owing to the great depression of business at the present, it will be deferred for this season. Beside the services in these two places on the Lord's day, and other sacred seasons upon which a congregation could be gathered, occasional services have been held in several other parts of the town. In a part of Otis, near to the North Meadow, an occasional service has been held; and also in a part of Becket, at Chester village, Chester Greathill, Granville, in the north part of Westfield, and in connection with the Rector of Christ Church, Springfield, one service in Westfield village. At each of these places individuals are found who earnestly desire the continuance of our services. Although these labors are arduous, being, in most instances, performed after the ordinary services of the Lord's day, still we deem them highly necessary in our attempts to remove the various obstacles which oppose the advancement of truth in this region. By the kindness of several members of Christ Church, Springfield, we have been enabled to circulate, in every place where we have officiated, to a good extent, many valuable tracts, which are doing much good. About fifty copies of the Book of Common Prayer have been sold, and, in most instances, to individuals wholly unacquainted with it.

Baptisms, 1. Communicants, 3. Confirmed, 0. Marriages, 2. Burials, 7. Sunday scholars, 30. Contributions to Massachusetts Board of Missions, $5 50. Other contributions, $5 00.

Hampshire County.

St. John's Church, Northampton.

THE REV. ORANGE CLARK, D. D., Rector.

The Church in Northampton is doing well. I have just completed a course of lectures upon the claims of the Church, to a class of about one hundred persons, young men and women, and the lectures have done much apparent good. The number of communicants is now 40; 11 have been added. I have attended

9 funerals. Baptisms, (infants 3, adults 1,) 4. Marriages 3. The congregation is greatly increased, and the general sentiment towards the Church, in the community, increasingly favorable. The Church has been completely repaired, painted and furnished. What I have been the privileged instrument of doing for this Church will constitute the most delightful theme of reflection while I live — the brightest page of my life's history. Contribution for Convention fund, $6 75.

Franklin County.

St. James's Church, Greenfield.

The Rev. T. Strong, D. D., Rector.

Baptisms: infants, 3. Communicants: added, 3; died or removed, 7; present number, 65. Confirmed, none. Marriages, 6. Burials, 10. Sunday scholars, 50. Missionary contributions: General Board, $50; Massachusetts Board, $5; other contributions, &c., $50.

The Rector has attended, weekly, to the instruction of a Bible-class, and the Sunday school is under his superintendence. Lectures are held in the church on Sunday evenings; and, in the season of Lent, the church is opened for additional services.

St. John's Church, Ashfield.

The Rev. Jacob Pearson, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 4, adults 1,) 5. Communicants: added, 1; died, 2; removed, 2; present number, 28. Marriages, 7. Burials, 3. Sunday scholars, 40. Missionary contributions: General Board, $4; Massachusetts Board, $4.

The general condition of this parish has not materially changed during the past year. The usual services on Sunday have been uniformly sustained; and frequently a lecture has been held in one of the school-houses. Two are waiting confirmation.

Berkshire County.

Trinity Church, Lenox.

VACANT.

Baptisms, (infants 6, adults 1,) 7. Communicants: added, 3; died, 1; present number, 29. Confirmed, 1. Burials, 1.

This parish continued to enjoy the useful services of the Rev. Mr. Waters, until last October, when he removed to a more inviting field of labor in a neighboring diocese. It is thought the missionary contributions and the Sunday school would have been as large as last year, if the church could have been opened for regular services. Much do this people desire to have their spiritual wants thus supplied; and they are willing to contribute according to their ability, for this purpose; but without aid from abroad they cannot expect that the privileges of the sanctuary can be theirs. The senior warden, a valuable member of the Church, has recently deceased; leaving this report to be signed by his survivor in that office.

SILAS EDDY, *Warden.*

St. Luke's Church, Lanesborough.

THE REV. SAMUEL B. SHAW, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 15, adults 5,) 20. Communicants: added, 8; removed, 6; present number, 66. Confirmed, 5. Burials, 9; four of which were not of the parish. Sunday school, including teachers, 105. Missionary contributions: General Board, $7 10; Massachusetts Board, $5; Sunday school, $6; for cancelling Church debts, painting, &c., about $200; total, exclusive of monthly contributions, $225 10.

The past year has been a season of deep affliction to the Rector, and those most intimately connected, in the sudden death of a beloved son, and in the continual sickness which has visited his family.

It has, however, proved a season of uncommon spiritual pros-

perity. An unusual number of baptisms has taken place. The Sunday school has much increased; the congregation enlarged; and a considerable number has been added to the communion of the Church.

In July last, the Western District Church Missionary Association was organized in this parish; the meetings of which have given a new impulse to the cause of missions, and promise to promote materially the interests of our beloved Church. The Rector of this parish deems it not improper to notice, in this report, the erection, by his parishioners and friends, of a beautiful and expensive monument, over the remains of his departed son; and the grateful experience of their sympathy in numerous acts of kindness. To the Father of mercies, and the God of all comforts and grace, his thanks are more especially due, in that, while so many of his brethren suffer from infirmity and disease, he has never been kept, by sickness, from the house of God, or from the performance of any official duty, during a ministry of twenty-two years.

St. James's Church, Great Barrington.

THE REV. S. HASSARD, Rector.

Baptisms: adult, 1. Communicants: added, 10; died or removed, 7; present number, 82. Confirmed, 3. Marriages, 3. Burials, 13. Sunday school, 75. Missionary contributions: General Board, $30; Massachusetts Board, $30; other contributions for benevolent purposes, $180.

The above statistics do not correctly indicate the spiritual condition of St. James's Church. It hath pleased the Lord, in the midst of the years, to revive his work among us, and in wrath to remember mercy. Evidences of an increased interest in religion among the people, induced the minister to anticipate the season of Lent, and to commence extra services on Septuagesima Sunday. These, four in number, in addition to the usual services of the Sunday, were continued weekly, without interruption, and with the happiest results, until the fifth Sunday in Lent. The great inquiry, "What must I do to be saved?" heard on every hand, and from persons of every age and condition, soon made

it apparent that the Lord was among us in great power; in a word, our parish and our town, have experienced a refreshing from the presence of the Lord, altogether unprecedented in their history. During the first week in Lent, by invitation of the Rector, a meeting of the Berkshire Association was held in the parish. It was attended by the Rev. Messrs. Ballard, Lee, Parker and Warland; and, to the blessing of God on the faithful declaration of his word by these his ministers, much of the good that has been accomplished is to be ascribed. Their seasonable visit, in a time of great need, and the effectual words by them spoken, will not soon be forgotten in this parish. Much to his grief, while the religious feeling was unabated, the labors of the Rector were entirely suspended by illness; and since the fourth Sunday in Lent, he has been able to officiate only three Sundays. For the last three weeks, the parish has been supplied by the Rev. N. W. Monroe, whose services will probably be continued there for some weeks to come. A respectable number await the Bishop's coming, to receive confirmation.

The $180 mentioned above, were raised by the Ladies' Benevolent Society, and have been appropriated to various parochial and religious purposes.

Trinity Church, Van Deusenville.

THE REV. S. P. PARKER, Minister.

Baptisms, (infants 4, adults 4,) 8. Communicants: added, 3; died or removed, 2; present number, 51. Confirmed, 2. Marriages, 2. Burials, 4. Sunday scholars, 40. Missionary contributions: General Board, $6; Massachusetts Board, $22 82; Bishop's Fund, $5; expenses of Convention, $4 50; contribution of Ladies' Sewing Society for repairing the Church, $167; contributions of individuals for the same, about $80; total, $285 32.

The progress of this Church, the past year, has been encouraging. Deeper piety among the communicants, and the sacrifice of their worldly goods, are among the evidence that God has given it His blessing. In Lent, from one to two additional ser-

vices a week have been held, and on these occasions a sermon has been preached.

A class of adults has been instructed in the Church Catechism on Sundays, and the children of the Sunday school have also been pretty regularly examined in it. Systematic contributions to missions and other objects, have been begun to be made, with good prospect of success.

The church has been repaired inside; a fence put around it; the work of repainting the outside has been begun, and the funds provided. The expense of the entire repairs will be about $400; $200 of which were contributed by the friends of the Church in Boston.

It has been thought expedient that the present Minister should resign the charge of this parish, in order to give all his services to the Church in the town in which he resides. A clergyman, who should reside at Van Deusenville, will find many of the requisite organizations ready to his hand, and an affectionate people, to appreciate his labors.

St. Paul's Church, Stockbridge.

THE REV. S. P. PARKER, Minister.

Baptisms: infant, 1. Communicants: added, 3; died or removed, 2; present number, 21. Marriages, 2. Burials, 3. Sunday scholars, 20. Missionary contributions: General Board, $8; Massachusetts Board, $21 13; Zion Church, Fulton, $1; Episcopal Fund, $5; expenses of Convention, $3; Ladies' Sewing Society of the parish, for repairs of Trinity Church, Van Deusenville, $10; Ladies' Sewing Society for other charitable purposes, $47 91; tracts, $5; total, $101 04.

During the past year, several persons, hitherto strangers to the Church, have been led to it by the Spirit of God. In consequence, an attempt is now made to erect a church; and the requisite sum is secured, except $400.

In order to improve the present opportunity of planting the Church permanently in Stockbridge, I have left Trinity Church, Van Deusenville, and hold divine service twice on Sunday here. Hitherto there has been but one service on Sunday in this place, and that at a late hour in the afternoon. The benefit is apparent

in the fact, that twenty families, previously strangers to the Church, now attend its services, and the congregation has been doubled.

During Lent, divine service has been held on two days of each week, besides Sunday, and a sermon preached on each occasion. A class of adults have attended, at my house, once a week, instructions in the scriptures; and, during the past six months, have engaged in the study of the Catechism, in the way of question and answer. There is a Sunday school, likewise, in operation. A weekly lecture is given in different parts of the town and neighborhood, in rotation. Systematic contributions to missions have been begun under good auspices.

The people are making all the effort in their power to build a church. The present congregation amounts to two hundred. Many circumstances conspire to render this a favorable moment for securing a Church at Stockbridge, and thus, for doing much good for the future, and for saving the labors of the last eight years.

It may not be improper for the incumbent to state, that for seven years he has, at the cost of health, kept this church open, by the labors of his school. No demand, during that time, has been made by him on the Board of Missions.

He leaves it to the hearts of the churchmen in Boston, whom God has made His stewards, whether they will contribute a sum a little exceeding one half of the tax of which he has thus relieved the Massachusetts Board of Missions, in order to secure the fruits of these labors.

St. Stephen's Church, Pittsfield.

THE REV. EDWARD BALLARD, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 5, adults 7,) 12. Communicants: added, 14; died or removed, 9; present number, 66. Confirmed, 8. Marriages, 2. Burials, 7. Sunday scholars, 54. Missionary contributions: General Board, $385 02; Massachusetts Board, $60; Sunday school library, $18 21; Convention Fund, $10 50; total, $473 73.

The condition of this parish may be reported as favorably as in former years. The larger number of communicants added,

than has been mentioned in some of the last reports, may be taken as a good indication, that the word has not been preached in vain. It is believed that the interests of religion are cherished with an increased amount of religious affection; while an attachment to the peculiar principles of the Church has been uniformly gaining. A quarterly meeting of the Western District Church Missionary Association, was held here in September last, and is considered as having been very useful in promoting the objects for which it was designed. Systematic contributions have been made for missionary purposes, with an increase upon the amount of former years.

Nantucket County.

The following report was made by the Vestry of Trinity Church, Nantucket, at the request of the officiating Minister, the Rev. F. W. J. POLLARD, who, at the time of the Convention, was not canonically resident in the diocese :

Baptisms, (infants 29, adults 31,) 60. Confirmed, 22. Communicants, 84. Marriages, 3. Burials, 4. Members of the Sunday school, 80. Contributions: for the Episcopal Fund, $15; for the General Board of Missions, $45 50; for the poor of Nantucket, $40; for a charitable society at Nantucket, $15; for the Sunday school library of Trinity Church, Nantucket, $12; for repairs of the Sunday school chapel, $150; for parochial purposes, $600; total, $877 50.

During the last two years, there have been upwards of 100 baptisms, 62 of which were adult baptisms.

THE REV. E. M. P. WELLS, Rector of the School of Moral Discipline, South Boston, reports as follows :

RIGHT REVEREND SIR :

Circumstances having for several years prevented my reporting myself to this body, it is now with renewed pleasure that I resume this duty.

During the past year, there have been baptized, 2; and confirmed, 5. The number of communicants is 12. Missionary and other religious charities, $350. Besides the appointed services of Sunday, we have for the first class, lectures on, and recitations in, the Church Catechism, Moral Philosophy and Sacred History, alternately; for the second class, recitations of the Epistles and Gospels. The Fridays during the year, the Wednesdays and Fridays during Lent, and every day of Passion week, have been observed as fasts in food and amusements, and as days of religious services. Good Friday, Christmas day, and Ash-Wednesday have been observed as holy days with full religious services, and a dispensing with all secular occupations.

If you will bear with me, it may not be uninteresting to state that in looking back upon the past fifteen years, in which I have been engaged in the care of boys in this city, I cannot but note the unlooked for results obtained by the simple continued use of the services of our Church on the minds of the 750 boys, who have been under my care, and from whom I am constantly hearing most encouraging accounts.

Immediate results I have not sought after, knowing that, in young minds, though immediate results are most easily produced, they are, when produced, most evanescent. I have endeavored to lead my boys by "a patient continuance in welldoing, to seek for glory, honor and immortality." I have endeavored to have them see, hear and feel the Church saying unto them in her constant action of prayer, praise, ordinances and teaching, "My son, give me thine heart;" and to lead them to reply to Him who thus speaketh to them from heaven, — to reply in acts as well as sentiments, — "my Father, thou art the guide of my youth." As I knew I could have the care of these boys for a short time only, perhaps, but for one year, I have preferred to work upon the foundation of what would become their future moral structure; to do something which should be permanent, even though it were small; to place the seed of truth where it should be so guarded by discipline and fenced in by principle, that it should not become a prey to the beak of the fowl, the foot of the beast, nor the sweep of the tempest, where

> "Though seed lie buried long in dust,
> It sha' n't deceive our hope."

Instead of finding, as I feared would be the case, that the religious impressions made while with me, would be soon effaced on leaving school, I have found them often increasing. And often when, as in many cases was true, the first effect on leaving our regular discipline was unfavorable, yet there was an ultimate return to, a falling back upon, the principles, habits and affections in which they had been educated. Boys from the various denominations, also, have not only become interested in the Church, while at school, but some even more so by comparison and reflection after leaving it. Some of these from the straitest sects have devoted themselves to the sacred ministry in our Church. I trouble you with these remarks, Right Reverend Sir, because I wish to increase, if possible, the little interest already felt in Church schools; to hasten the time when the lambs of our flock shall no longer be turned over to the wolves of the world; sent to be educated in schools where the chief recommendation on religious matters is that they "teach no sentiments in particular," where the infidel may have his child educated without its being contaminated with Christianity.

I am the less backward in urging this point, because I cannot now be supposed to be influenced by personal interest. With the consent of the Bishop, I expect soon to discontinue my school, in consequence of a lameness which prevents me from engaging in (what has been a great object in my school) the active exercises and recreations of my boys; this was important that I might be with them in their hours of relaxation and unbending, when the boy throws open his breast, and we can see the natural elements of his character, and their workings. Then we can most effectually teach the practice of what is inculcated in the lecture,—can check, direct, model or reform.

To the Right Rev. the Bishop of Massachusetts:

In compliance with Canon 7th of the General Convention of 1835, requiring "every clergyman not regularly settled in any parish or church, to report to the ecclesiastical authority of his diocese the occasional services he may have performed," the undersigned reports as follows:

He resigned the charge of Trinity Church, Bridgewater, 20th

April, and, on the following Sunday, took leave of the congregation. In 1838, when he there entered upon his labors, there were 22 families and 27 communicants. In April last, by the records of the parish, there were 47 families and 67 communicants. Allowing for deaths and removals during five years, there remained 42 families and 53 communicants.

On the second Sunday after Easter, he preached in the Church of the Ascension, Fall River. On the following Sunday, in St. Andrew's Church, Hanover; morning, afternoon and evening at each place. On the fourth Sunday after Easter, he officiated in Worcester. The congregation recently formed there, but not, as yet, organized into a parish, having signified to the Diocesan their desire of his services for a few months, until a Clergyman, approved by the Board of Missions, could be obtained, he removed there with his family, the following week, with what was barely necessary for such an arrangement. He was induced to concur in this from the strong representation made to him by the congregation in Worcester, that, unless they could immediately secure the labors of a resident Clergyman, such was the growing discouragement, they feared they should be compelled, however reluctantly, to abandon the enterprise. It is with devout gratitude to the Great Head of the Church, that he is enabled to report very favorably of the present aspect of things there.

During the past fortnight I have visited all the families comprising the congregation, of whom there are at present about 24, together with many individuals usually worshipping with us, among whom are 22 communicants of the Church.

On Whitsunday, a Sunday school was organized, consisting, at present, of 5 teachers and 25 scholars. The school will be superintended by the Minister, and the classes examined by him every Sunday.

Respectfully submitted.

HENRY BLACKALLER.

To the Right Rev. the Bishop of Massachusetts:

June 12, 1842, Free Chapel, Boston; June 19, St. Paul's, Newburyport; June 21, St. James's, Amesbury, an evening lec-

ture; June 26, A. M., St. Peter's Salem; P. M., and evening, preached to a congregation in Danvers.

July 10, P. M., Free Chapel, Boston; evening, Trinity Hall, Boston; July 17, St. Paul's, Newburyport; July 31, Trinity Hall, Boston.

December 4, P. M. St. Matthew's, Boston; an evening lecture to a congregation in Dorchester, [about this time, date forgotten.]

February 5, 1843, Christ Church, Cambridge.

March 5, P. M. and evening, Trinity Hall, Boston, (administering communion); March 19, Free Chapel, Boston.

April 9, evening, Trinity Hall, Boston; April 12, (Wednesday in Passion week) St. Luke's, Lowell; April 13, St. Anne's, Lowell; April 13, St. Luke's, Lowell; April 14, St. Anne's, Lowell; April 15, (Easter eve) Christ Church, Andover; April 16, P. M., Christ Church, Andover.

May 21, A. M., St. Matthew's, Boston; May 28, St. Mary's, Newton.

June 4, evening, Free Chapel, Boston.

The above are all the instances I find recorded of having *preached* the past year. The number of ministers without cure, has been so unusually large, as to render the necessary call on such for clerical services but few. I have kept no record of other official acts. They have consisted in reading the service a few times for others. Having been without a cure the past year, the above I submit, in conformity with the canon in such case provided.

WM. WITHINGTON.

To the Right Rev. the Bishop of Massachusetts.

In compliance with a canon of 1835, requiring "every Clergyman, not regularly settled in any parish or church, to report to the ecclesiastical authority of his diocese, the occasional services he may have performed," I respectfully report, that, during the past conventional year, my services have been as follows:

Baptisms: infants, 6. Marriages, 1. Burials, 1. Administered the Holy Communion 7 times. Officiated, by reading prayers, 55 times; by preaching, 60 times.

F. A. FOXCROFT.

Boston, June 12th, 1843.

To the Right Rev. the Bishop of Massachusetts:

Since my last report, which was dated at Jubilee College, Illinois, I have been obliged to leave that institution, on account of its pecuniary embarrassments. For the last eight or nine months, I have been employed as Classical and Mathematical Instructor in Mrs. Mead's Female Seminary, in this city, preaching occasionally in the different churches, and assisting in the service, but having no permanent pastoral charge. At the close of my present engagement, which will be the first of August, I shall probably take a parish, either in this diocese, or further South.

Very respectfully,

EDWARD J. STEARNS.

Richmond, Va., June 10, 1843.

DR. . . . . MASSACHUSETTS BOARD OF MISSIONS *in account*

Paid as follows:		
Rev. S. Fuller, D. D., Andover, ...	$204 00	
" J. Pearson, Ashfield, ...	56 25	
" S. Blaisdale, Amesbury, ...	112 50	
" H. Blackaller, Bridgewater, ...	75 00	
" H. H. Bates, Blandford, ...	75 00	
" P. H. Greenleaf, Charlestown, . . .	300 00	
" F. C. Putnam, Clappville, ...	50 00	
" " " Worcester, ...	40 00	
" W. S. Bartlet, Chelsea, ...	128 00	
" G. M. Randall, Fall River, ...	112 50	
" A. D. M'Coy, Lowell, ...	375 00	
" G. Waters, Lenox, ...	25 00	
" Orange Clark, D. D., Northampton, . .	150 00	
" E. Allen, Otis, ...	75 00	
" J. P. Robinson, Quincy, ...	112 50	
" H. W. Lee, Springfield, ...	75 00	
" D. L. B. Goodwin, Wilkinsonville, . .	75 00	
Expenses, ...	22 75	
Special appropriations by the donors:		
Boston City Mission, ...	324 00	
Mr. N. G. Allen, Boston, ...	100 00	
Fall River, Rev. G. M. Randall, ...	100 00	
Nantucket, " F. W. J. Pollard, ...	170 00	
Stockbridge, " S. P. Parker, ...	50 00	
Bridgewater, " H. Blackaller, ...	9 00	
Northampton, for St. John's Church, to Rev. Dr. Clark, ...	150 00	
Balance on hand for Missions in this State,	186 72	
		3153 22
General Domestic Missions, ...	2769 62	
Rev. Mr. Laird, Indiana, ...	5 00	
Foreign Missions, ...	4568 47	
		7343 09
		$10,496 31

NOTE.—$720 of the above contributions were made by Sunday Schools.

with BENJAMIN HOWARD, *Treasurer*. . . . . *Cr.*

Received from, as follows:	Missions in this State.	General Domestic.	Foreign.	Total.
Andover, Christ, . . .	$7 10	$26 23	$46 23	$79 56
Amesbury, St. James's, .	10 78	4 00		14 78
Ashfield, St. John's, . .	4 00	2 00	2 00	8 00
Boston, Trinity, ...	676 21	276 50	595 50	1548 21
" Christ, ...	17 50	69 60	11 00	98 10
" St. Paul's, . . .	853 00	1332 84	1598 43	3784 27
" St. Matthew's, .	18 00	17 00	12 00	47 00
" Grace, ...	506 62	318 08	328 45	1153 15
Public Meetings, Christ,			150 48	150 48
Public Meetings, St. Paul's	97 18		411 00	508 18
Public Meetings, Grace,	19 41	2 00	125 44	146 85
Free Chapel, ...	7 65			7 65
Trinity do.		5 25	26 00	31 25
School of Moral Discipline,	25 00	10 00	10 00	45 00
Blandford, St. Mark's,	5 50			5 50
Bridgewater, Trinity, . .		3 08	13 08	16 16
Charlestown, St. John's, .	52 95	40 06	40 06	133 07
Clappville, Christ, . . .	4 00			4 00
Cambridge, Christ, . . .		13 85	13 85	27 70
" St. Peter's, .		11 05	11 05	22 10
Chelsea, Mt. Zion, . . .	23 68	10 75	10 25	44 68
Dedham, St. Paul's, . .	20 60	14 50	14 50	49 60
Fall River, Ch. of the Asc'n,	43 00	11 00	6 00	60 00
Greenfield, St. James's, .	5 00	14 50	17 13	36 63
Great Barrington, St. James's	32 00	20 00		52 00
Hanover, St. Andrew's, .	49 78	23 35	69 36	142 49
Lowell, St. Anne's, . .	110 00	32 00	31 00	173 00
" St. Luke's, . . .		15 47	7 13	22 60
Lanesborough, St. Luke's,		3 55	3 55	7 10
Marblehead, St. Michael's,	3 32	16 50	19 50	39 32
Marshfield, Trinity, . .	1 00		1 00	2 00
Newburyport, St. Paul's, .	80 00	11 00	11 00	102 00
New Bedford, Grace, . .		10 00	10 00	20 00
Newton, St. Mary's, . .	50 27	10 12	40 12	100 51
Nantucket, Trinity, . .		40 00	5 50	45 50
Northampton, St. John's, .	7 10			7 10
Pittsfield, St. Stephen's, .	60 00	61 75	323 27	445 02
Quincy, Christ, ...	49 50	5 39	5 38	60 27
Roxbury, St. James, . .		66 52	209 54	276 06
Salem, St. Peter's, . . .	101 12	172 00	177 00	450 12
Stockbridge, St. Paul's, .	21 13	4 00	4 00	29 13
Springfield, Christ, . . .	40 50	7 75	67 75	116 00
Taunton, St. Thomas's, .	50 00	28 41	38 40	116 81
Van Deusenville, Trinity,	22 82	3 00	3 00	28 82
Wilkinsonville, St. John's,	26 50	41 52	24 52	92 54
Country Clergyman, . .			20 00	20 00
B. T.			50 00	50 00
T. B. Brewer, ...		5 00		5 00
A Friend, ...			5 00	5 00
Mrs. D., ...		5 00		5 00
A Friend, ...		10 00		10 00
Mrs. Banyar and Miss Jay,	50 00			50 00
III, ...	1 00			1 00
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BENJAMIN HOWARD, *Treasurer*.

Boston, June 14, 1843.

DR.....CONVENTION *of Prot. Episcopal Church in Massachusetts, in account with* ISAAC BOYLE, *Treasurer*.....CR.

1842.			
June 9.	To amount paid the following clergymen for travelling expenses, by order of Convention:		
	Rev. Edward Ballard, - -	$10 00	
	" Henry W. Lee, - -	3 00	
	" George Waters, - -	10 00	
	" S. B. Shaw, - - -	10 00	
	" S. P. Parker, - -	10 00	
	" G. M. Randall, - -	4 00	
	" Jacob Pearson, - -	10 00	
	" Silas Blaisdale, - - (No. 1.)	3 50	$60 50
July 27.	J. B. Dow's bill printing Journal of 1842, (2,)		119 84
Oct. 24.	do. do. Special Convention, (3,) - - - - - - -		96 77
Nov. 26.	Copying records of Convention of 1842, (4,)		16 00
1843.			
April 5.	J. B. Dow's bill printing 500 notifications, by order of Standing Committee, (5,) - -		3 50
" 20.	Copying records of Special Convention of 1842, (6,) - - - - - - -		5 00
June 14.	Postages, &c. of Treasurer and Secretary, -		1 90
	Balance to new account, - - -		48 52
			$352 03

Boston, June 14, 1843.

1842.		
June 9.	By balance of old account, - - -	$271 03
Sep. 24.	Received from St. James's, Roxbury, (for 1842,)	15 00
" 29.	" " St. James's, Greenfield, (for 1842,)	6 00
1843.		
June 13.	" " St. Paul's, Boston, - -	45 00
" 13.	" " St. Matthew's, South Boston,	6 00
" 14.	" " Christ Church, Andover, -	9 00
	Errors Excepted.	$352 03

ISAAC BOYLE, *Treasurer.*

Many churches paid their assessments after the account was balanced, which will be credited in the next account. Agreeably to the canon of 1828, it becomes the duty of the Treasurer to name the following churches as not having paid their respective proportions for contingent expenses: Grace, Boston; St. James's, Amesbury; St. Mary's, Newton Lower Falls; St. Andrew's, Hanover; St. Thomas's, Taunton; St. John's, Wilkinsonville; St. Mark's, Blandford; and St. Luke's, Lanesborough.

FORM OF PAROCHIAL REPORT, AS AMENDED AND ADOPTED BY THE CONVENTION OF 1840.

Church.	Place.	Minister.	Baptisms.		Communicants.			Confirmed.	Marriages.	Burials.	Sunday School Scholars.	Missionary Contributions.		Other contributions for religious purposes, each object to be particularly specified.
			Infants.	Adults.	Added.	Died, or removed.	Present Number.					General Board.	Mass. Board.	

N. B. It is expected that the clergyman will make such observations as to give a comprehensive view of the state of his parish and of his ministerial services during the past year.

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" 14.	" " Christ Church, Andover, -	9 00
	Errors Excepted.	$352 03

ISAAC BOYLE, *Treasurer.*

Many churches paid their assessments after the account was balanced, which will be credited in the next account. Agreeably to the canon of 1828, it becomes the duty of the Treasurer to name the following churches as not having paid their respective proportions for contingent expenses: Grace, Boston; St. James's, Amesbury; St. Mary's, Newton Lower Falls; St. Andrew's, Hanover; St. Thomas's, Taunton; St. John's, Wilkinsonville; St. Mark's, Blandford; and St. Luke's, Lanesborough.

FORM OF PAROCHIAL REPORT, AS AMENDED AND ADOPTED BY THE CONVENTION OF 1840.

Church.	Place.	Minister.	Baptisms.		Communicants.			Confirmed.	Marriages.	Burials.	Sunday School Scholars.	Missionary Contributions.		Other contributions for religious purposes, each object to be particularly specified.
			Infants.	Adults.	Added.	Died, or removed.	Present Number.					General Board.	Mass. Board.	

N. B. It is expected that the clergyman will make such observations as to give a comprehensive view of the state of his parish and of his ministerial services during the past year.

Counties.	Towns.	Churches.	Rectors.	Infants.	Adults.	Total.	Added.	Died, or removed.	Present Number.	Confir	Marri	Burial	Sunda Schola	Gen'l Board.	Mass. Board.	for religious purposes.	ary contrib'tions reported
Suffolk	Boston	Christ	John Woart	*	*	49	21	†	241	11	†	13	200	*	*	124 26	634 45
		Trinity	Rt. Rev. M. Eastburn John L. Watson	23	3	26	†	†	350	†	12	16	280	1733 00	*	2053 00	1933 00
		St. Matthew's	Joseph H. Clinch	28	†	28	19	14	49	†	6	13	70	27 36	18 00	38 75	
		St. Paul's	A. H. Vinton, D. D.	16	2	18	45	3	350	39	3	10	160	3709 00	500 00	2733 61	300 00
		Grace	Thomas M. Clark	38	14	52	†	†	321	39	14	13	200	773 97	306 03	1202 94	
		Free Church	I. Boyle, D. D.	14	2	16	†	†	‡75	†	10	10	30	7 65	†		
	Chelsea	Mount Zion	W. S. Bartlet	9	3	12	16	4	39	13	2	3	23	21 00	29 67	5 35	
Norfolk	Quincy	Christ	John P. Robinson	8	3	11	*	*	70	16	1	5	*	*	76 60	†	10 78
	Dedham	St. Paul's	Samuel B. Babcock	15	2	17	10	5	40	11	3	7	35	29 00	*	†	46 34
	Roxbury	St. James'	M. A. D'W. Howe	16	1	17	30	10	143	11	4	4	70	326 06	†	88 19	
		St. John's	Vacant	§	§	§	§	§	§	§	§	§	§	§	§	§	
	Newburyport	St. Paul's	J. S. Davenport	7	†	7	9	6	112	11	4	10	95	*	*	121 59	110 85
	Salem	St. Peter's	Charles Mason	15	8	23	30	12	142	22	5	10	95	300 00	100 00	200 00	
Essex	Marblehead	St. Michael's	M. P. Stickney	14	1	15	†	†	100	†	1	5	*	†	†	†	
	Amesbury	St. James'	Silas Blaisdale	2	3	5	4	4	24	5	2	2	30	4 00	10 78	9 91	
	Andover	Christ	Samuel Fuller, D.D.	14	†	14	16	7	76	5	2	5	110	70 78	13 44	62 14	
	Lynn	Christ	Vacant	§	§	§	§	§	‡‡30	§	§	§	‡‡45	§	§	§	
	Ipswich	Christ	Vacant	§	§	§	§	§	‡‡7	§	§	§	‡‡25	§	§	§	
	Cambridge	Christ	N. Hoppin	6	†	6	13	21	43	†	3	7	21	17 47	†	65 97	
	Cambridgeport	St. Peter's	D. R. Brewer	2	1	3	†	†	15	†	†	†	25	*	*	145 76	22 10
Middlesex	Lowell	St. Anne's	Theodore Edson	57	36	93	103	18	320	80	7	21	565	64 00	80 00	65 00	
		St. Luke's	Amos D. McCoy	14	8	22	35	14	98	40	12	9	200	22 00	†		
	Charlestown	St. John's	P. H. Greenleaf	15	5	20	29	7	105	†	4	9	154	*	133 00	126 00	
	Hopkinton	St. Paul's	Vacant	§	§	§	§	§	‖10	§	§	§	§	§	§	§	
	Newton L. Falls	St. Mary's	Alfred L. Baury	11	5	16	15	15	126	14	4	4	161	50 00	50 00	57 51	
Hampshire	Northampton	St. John's	Orange Clark, D. D.	3	1	4	11	*	40	†	†	9	†	†	†	6 75	
Plymouth	Hanover	St. Andrew's	S. Cutler	15	6	21	18	2	129	13	5	9	80	112 71	60 03	47 35	
	Marshfield	Trinity	S. Cutler	2	†	2	†	1	9	†	1	†	†	†	†	†	
	Bridgewater	Trinity	Vacant	§	§	§	§	§	‡59	§	1	§	‡64	§	§	§	
Bristol	Taunton	St. Thomas'	N. T. Bent	15	9	24	37	14	107	32	1	9	130	56 32	50 00	203 39	90 00
	New Bedford	Grace	T. R. Lambert	18	12	30	35	5	100	13	3	1	192	†	†	†	
	Fall River	Ascension	George M. Randall	15	2	17	17	19	77	†	12	9	110	17 00	48 00	31 00	
Worcester	Clappville	Christ	Vacant	§	§	§	§	§	‡34	§	§	§	‡25	§	§	§	
	Wilkinsonville	St. John's	Dan'l L. B. Goodwin	7	4	11	4	10	85	3	1	†	75	72 51	20 00	†	
Hampden	Springfield	Christ	Henry W. Lee	25	4	29	27	14	83	8	9	14	70	125 50	40 50	306 11	
	Blandford	St. Mark's	Henry H. Bates	1	0	1	0	0	3	0	2	7	30	†	5 50	5 00	
Franklin	Greenfield	St. James'	Titus Strong, D. D.	3	†	3	3	7	65	†	6	10	50	50 00	5 00	50 00	
	Montague	Trinity	Vacant	§	§	§	§	§	§	§	§	§	§	§	§	§	
	Ashfield	St. John's	Jacob Pearson	4	1	5	1	4	28	†	7	3	40	4 00	4 00	†	
Berkshire	Otis	St. Paul's	Ethan Allen	§	§	§	§	§	¶14	§	§	§	¶35	§	§	§	
	Lenox	Trinity	Vacant	6	1	7	3	1	29	1	†	1	†	†	†	†	
	Lanesborough	St. Luke's	Samuel B. Shaw	15	5	20	8	6	66	5	†	9	105	7 10	5 00	206 00	
	Great Barrington	St. James'	Samuel Hassard	†	1	1	10	7	82	3	3	13	75	30 00	30 00	180 00	
	Van Deusenville	Trinity	Samuel P. Parker	4	4	8	3	2	51	2	2	4	40	6 00	22 82	256 50	
	Pittsfield	St. Stephen's	Edward Ballard,	5	7	12	14	9	66	8	2	7	54	385 02	60 00	28 71	
	Stockbridge	St. Paul's	Samuel P. Parker	1	†	1	3	2	21	†	2	3	20	8 00	21 13	71 91	
Nantucket	Nantucket	Trinity	F. W. J. Pollard	29	31	60	†	†	84	22	3	4	80	45 50	†	832 00	
				492	185	725	589	243	4118	427	158	288	3869	8065 95	1689 50	9921 70	3147 52

* Not designated. † None reported. ‡ Number reported in 1842. § No report. ‖ Probable number. ¶ Number reported in 1839.
††Number reported in 1841.

Constitution

OF THE

PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH

IN THE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS,

AS AMENDED

IN CONVENTION, JUNE, 1841.

ARTICLE I.

This Church, as a constituent part of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the United States of America, accedes to the General Constitution of that Church, and acknowledges its authority.

ARTICLE II.

There shall be a stated Convention of the Church in this commonwealth, at Boston, on the second Wednesday in June, in every year; unless a different time and place be fixed on by a preceding Convention. Special meetings of the Convention shall be called by the Bishop, when, in his judgment, the good of the Church may require it, or when the Standing Committee shall request it. And when the Episcopal Chair is vacant, the Standing Committee shall have power to call such Convention. Provided, always, that no business shall be done at any special Convention, other than is specified in the notice calling such Convention.

ARTICLE III.

The Convention shall be composed of Clergymen and Laymen.

The Bishop, and the Assistant Bishop, when there is one, shall have a seat and a vote in the Convention. Every other clergyman of the Church, of whatever order, being a settled minister,

or regularly officiating in some parish within this Commonwealth; or being a President, Professor, Tutor, or Instructor in some College or Seminary of learning, and performing clerical functions; or being a Missionary under the direction of the ecclesiastical authority of this commonwealth, or a Chaplain in the army or navy of the United States, or in any benevolent or other public institution, shall be entitled to a seat and vote in the Convention, if he have been actually as well as canonically resident within this State for the space of six calendar months next before the meeting of the Convention, and has, for the same period, been employed in performing the duties of his station, or have been canonically instituted. Provided, however, that no clergyman, otherwise entitled to a seat and vote in the Convention, shall, by reason of advanced years, or infirm health, or temporary absence, be divested of such privilege.

Every parish in this commonwealth, in union with this Convention, shall be entitled to send to the Convention a lay delegate, or delegates, not exceeding three, a certificate of whose appointment, signed by the Wardens or Parish Clerk, shall, before his or their admission to a seat, be laid before the Convention. Provided, that no person shall be competent to serve as a lay delegate unless he be a stated worshipper in the parish which he represents. The delegation from each parish shall be entitled, on a division, by orders, to but one vote.

ARTICLE IV.

New parishes may be admitted into union with this Convention, on motion, by a majority of votes, provided they shall have laid before the Convention written evidence, subscribed by the Wardens and Vestry, that they are duly organized, and accede to the Constitution and Canons of this Church.

ARTICLE V.

The Bishop of this Diocese shall preside in the Convention. But, in case of vacancy, or necessary absence, the members shall elect a president from among the clergy.

ARTICLE VI.

A Secretary shall be chosen upon the assembling of the Annual Convention, from among the members thereof, who shall remain in office until the meeting of the next Convention.

ARTICLE VII.

The members of the Convention present on due notification, and duly organized, shall constitute a quorum to transact the ordinary business of the Convention. The Clergy and lay delegates shall deliberate as one body, and vote as such, except when a division is called for; in which case, a concurrence of both orders shall be necessary to carry any measure. All elections shall be by ballot, unless otherwise ordered by the Convention.

ARTICLE VIII.

There shall be a Standing Committee, to consist of six members; three clergymen and three laymen. They shall keep regular minutes of their proceedings, and shall report the same annually to the Convention. A majority shall be a quorum.

ARTICLE IX.

This Constitution shall not be subject to alteration in any article except at the annual meeting of the Convention; nor unless such alteration shall have been proposed at least one annual meeting previous to its adoption.

Canon of 1828,

Respecting Contingent Expenses.

It shall be the duty of every parish in this State, after the first day of January, 1829, to raise and send to the Treasurer of the Convention, to defray the contingent expenses of the Church in this State, a sum of money annually, which shall be as much as *one per centum and one half of one per centum* on the salary of its minister; and those parishes which are destitute of a clergyman, and which are represented by lay delegates in the Convention, shall pay at least five dollars annually, or send a certified copy of a vote that they are unable to pay the same; and it shall be the duty of the Treasurer, to certify in his Annual Report, what parishes have neglected to comply with the requisitions of this Canon. The money thus raised and paid into the treasury of the Convention, shall be subject to appropriation by a majority of the votes of the Standing Committee, Secretary, and Treasurer of the Convention; and the following appropriations shall always be deemed proper, namely: to pay the travelling expenses of the Bishop to this Convention; to pay the travelling expenses of such clerical members of the Convention as cannot afford to pay the same, not exceeding ten dollars to any clergyman in one year; to pay the travelling expenses of the clerical delegates to the General Triennial Convention, not exceeding twenty-five dollars to each clerical delegate; to pay to the delegates of the Church in this State to the General Convention, such sums as shall enable them to pay the quota assessed on the several Churches in this State by each General Convention, for the contingent expenses thereof; and to pay for publishing the Journals of this Convention, and such other publications as shall be published by order of this Convention; and every parish shall be entitled to five copies, at least, of every publication printed by order of the Convention.

Canon of the General Convention of 1835,

On the mode of securing an accurate view of the state of the Church, from time to time.

SECTION 1. As a full and accurate view of the state of the Church, from time to time, is highly useful and necessary, it is hereby ordered that every Minister of this Church shall present, or cause to be delivered, on or before the first day of every annual Convention, to the Bishop of the Diocese, or, where there is no Bishop, to the President of the Convention, a statement of the number of baptisms, confirmations, marriages, and funerals, and of the number of communicants in his parish or Church, and of all other matters that may throw light on the state of the same; and these parochial reports, or such parts of them as the Bishop shall think fit, shall be read and entered on the journals of the Convention. And every other clergyman not regularly settled in any parish or Church, shall also report to the ecclesiastical authority of his Diocese, the occasional services he may have performed; and, if he have performed no such services, the causes or reasons which have prevented the same.

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The Rev. CHARLES MASON, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Salem.

The Rev. AMOS D. M'COY, Rector of St. Luke's Church, Lowell.

The Rev. BENJAMIN C. C. PARKER.

The Rev. SAMUEL P. PARKER, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Stockbridge.

The Rev. JACOB PEARSON, Rector of St. John's Church, Ashfield.

The Rev. F. C. PUTNAM.

The Rev. F. W. J. POLLARD, Rector of Trinity Church, Nantucket.

The Rev. GEORGE M. RANDALL, Rector of the Church of the Ascension, Fall River.

The Rev. EDWARD A. RENOUF, deacon.

The Rev. JOHN P. ROBINSON, Rector of Christ Church, Quincy.

The Rev. SAMUEL B. SHAW, Rector of St. Luke's Church, Lanesborough.

The Rev. EDWARD J. STEARNS, residing in Richmond, Virginia.

The Rev. MOSES P. STICKNEY, Rector of St. Michael's Church, Marblehead.

The Rev. THEODORE W. SNOW, Missionary in the Southern District of the Diocese.

The Rev. TITUS STRONG, D. D., Rector of St. James's Church, Greenfield.

The Rev. ALEXANDER H. VINTON, D. D., Rector of St. Paul's Church, Boston.

The Rev. JOHN L. WATSON, Assistant Minister on the Greene Foundation, Trinity Church, Boston.

The Rev. E. M. P. WELLS, Rector of the School of Moral Discipline, South Boston.

The Rev. WILLIAM WITHINGTON.

The Rev. JOHN WOART, Rector of Christ Church, Boston.

[Total, 52.]

The Rev. ADDISON SEARLE, of Michigan, Chaplain in the United States Navy, officiating at the Navy Yard, Charlestown.

The Rev. GEORGE C. SHEPARD, of Connecticut, residing in Boston.

Notice.

The next Annual Convention of the Diocese of Massachusetts, will be held in Trinity Church, Boston, on the *second* Wednesday of June, 1844, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

HENRY W. LEE,
Secretary of the Convention.

Springfield, Mass., June, 1843.

JOURNAL

OF THE

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

FIFTY-FOURTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

OF THE

Diocese of Massachusetts:

HOLDEN IN

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Boston, June 12, 1844.

THIS being the time and place for the Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the Diocese of Massachusetts, the Rt. Rev. the Bishop, with divers of the Clergy and Laity, assembled in Trinity Church, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

Morning Prayer was read by the Rev. Samuel B. Shaw, Rector of St. Luke's Church, Lanesborough. The Ante-Communion Service was read by the Bishop, the Rev. Theodore Edson, Rector of St. Anne's, Lowell, reading the Epistle. A Sermon was preached by the Rev. Henry W. Lee, Rector of Christ Church, Springfield; after which a collection was made at the Offertory, in aid of the Society for the Relief of the Widows and Orphans of deceased Clergymen of the Diocese. The Holy Communion was then administered by the Bishop, assisted by the Rev. Messrs. Edson and Shaw.

The congregation having retired, the Bishop took the chair, and directed a list of such of the Clergy of the Diocese as are entitled to seats, to be called by the Secretary, when the following appeared and answered to their names:

The Rt. Rev. MANTON EASTBURN, D. D.

The Rev.	Ethan Allen,	The Rev.	Thomas R. Lambert,
" "	Samuel B. Babcock,	" "	Daniel Leach,
" "	Edward Ballard,	" "	Henry W. Lee,

The Rev.	William S. Bartlet,		The Rev.	Newton E. Marble,
"	" Alfred L. Baury,		"	" Charles Mason,
"	" Nathaniel T. Bent,		"	" Amos D. McCoy,
"	" Silas Blaisdale,		"	" Samuel P. Parker,
"	" Isaac Boyle, D. D.,		"	" Jacob Pearson,
"	" Darius R. Brewer,		"	" F. W. J. Pollard,
"	" Clement M. Butler,		"	" George M. Randall,
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"	" Joseph H. Clinch,		"	" Theodore W. Snow,
"	" Samuel Cutler,		"	" Moses P. Stickney,
"	" John S. Davenport,		"	" Titus Strong, D. D.,
"	" Asa Eaton, D. D.,		"	" Addison Searle,
"	" Theodore Edson,		"	" G. C. Shepard, D. D.,
"	" Daniel L. B. Goodwin,		"	" A. H. Vinton, D. D.,
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"	" Nicholas Hoppin,		"	" John Woart.
"	" M. A. D'W. Howe,			

The certificates of Lay Delegates * were then presented and read, as follows:

Trinity Church, Boston. *William D. Sohier*, Edward H. Robbins, and George C. Shattuck, Jr., M. D.

St. Paul's Church, Boston. William Appleton, Edward S. Rand, Jr., and Henry Codman.

Christ Church, Boston. Elias W. Goddard, William Munroe, and John Bacon.

Grace Church, Boston. Benjamin Howard, Israel Lombard, and Robert Farley.

St. Matthew's Church, South Boston. Pliny Smith, E. H. Brainard, and W. T. Parker.

Christ Church, Andover. Benjamin H. Punchard, John Parnell, and Francis Clarke.

St. Thomas's Church, Taunton. Lewis R. Chesbrough, Samuel L. Crocker, and Charles R. Olney.

* Those whose names are in *italics* were not present at the Convention.

St. James's Church, Roxbury. Jonathan Amory, William Raymond Lee, and Ebenezer Rhoades.

St. John's Church, Jamaica Plain. Matthew W. Green, Charles R. Lamb, and Ebenezer W. Stone.

St. John's Church, Northampton. *Henry Bright*, O. H. Throop, and William Wilson.

Christ Church, Cambridge. C. Gayton Pickman, Charles Chase, and Samuel P. P. Fay.

St. Luke's Church, Chelsea. Ruggles Slack, Stephen D. Massey, and William Knapp.

St. Peter's Church, Cambridgeport. Isaac Lum, Nathan Fiske, and G. F. R. Wadleigh.

St. Peter's Church, Salem. Ralph H. French, John W. Treadwell, and Joseph Adams.

Trinity Church, Nantucket. Samuel H. Jenks, Albert W. Starbuck, and Charles C. Myrick.

Trinity Church, Bridgewater. John Edson, *Augustus Bleecker*, and *Nathaniel Witherell.*

St. Stephen's Church, Pittsfield. Edward A. Newton, Samuel H. P. Lee, Jr., and Comfort B. Platt.

St. John's Church, Wilkinsonville. Abraham Chase, and *Erastus Wolcott.*

St. Mary's Church, Newton Lower Falls. Ezra Warren, and William Mills.

Church of the Ascension, Fall River. *Cyrus Alden*, Richard W. Batt, and *Samuel R. Warren.*

Christ Church, Lynn. Edward S. Davis, *James B. Davis*, and *Stephen Palmer.*

St. James's Church, Great Barrington. Samuel Rossiter.

St. Michael's Church, Marblehead. Richard Girdler, Thomas Evans, and Elias Smithurst.

Christ Church, Springfield. James Barnes, *E. D. Beach*, and William W. Lee.

St. James's Church, Greenfield. *Alpheus F. Stone*, *John J. Pierce*, and Charles K. Grennell.

St. John's Church, Charlestown. John Curtis, Jr., George N. Fisher, and George A. Kettell.

St. Anne's Church, Lowell. Samuel Lawrence.

St. Luke's Church, Lowell. Ira Spaulding, Thomas Nesmith, and Edward Taylor.

St. Paul's Church, Newburyport. Edward S. Rand, George T. Granger, and Nathaniel Foster.

St. Andrew's Church, Hanover. Henry Bowers, Pelham W. Bonney, and Ira Warren.

Grace Church, New Bedford. Warren Jenney, Robert K. Eastman, and Joseph R. Shiverick.

Christ Church, Quincy. Levi White, Antipas Harrington, and George Veazie.

St. Paul's Church, Dedham. Ira Cleveland, Joseph W. Clarke, and John Bent.

The Convention then proceeded to the choice of a Secretary, and the Rev. HENRY W. LEE was unanimously reëlected.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Vinton,

Voted, That the Committee appointed at the last Convention, to report a Constitution and Canons, be allowed to print their report for the use of the members of this Convention.

On motion,

Voted, That the Rules of Order of the last Convention be adopted by this Convention.

Rules of Order.

RULE I. When the President takes the chair, no member shall continue standing, or shall afterwards stand up, except to address the Chair.

No member shall absent himself from the house, unless he have leave, or be unable to attend.

When any member is about to speak, or deliver any matter to the house, he shall, with due respect, address himself to the President, confining himself strictly to the point in debate.

No member shall speak more than twice in the same debate, without leave of the house; nor more than once, until others desiring to speak shall have spoken.

While the President is putting any question, the members shall continue in their seats, and shall not hold any private discourse.

Every member who shall be in the house, when any question is put, shall vote, unless he be personally interested in the question, or shall be excused by the Convention for reasons assigned.

RULE II. No motion shall be considered as before the Convention unless seconded by a member not belonging to the same parish with the mover; and every motion, when required by any member, shall be reduced to writing.

RULE III. When the report of a committee is presented, it shall be read and entered on the minutes, unless otherwise determined by the house; and, if accompanied by resolutions, the question shall be on adopting them.

RULE IV. When a question is before the Convention, it shall be in order—

1. To lay on the table;
2. To postpone to a day certain;
3. To commit;
4. To amend;
5. To postpone indefinitely;

and a motion for any one of these proceedings may be considered as having precedence in the order in which they are here named; and a question on any of these proceedings shall be decided before the original motion.

RULE V. An address or communication from the Bishop shall be in order at any time.

RULE VI. Any member may call for the division of a question, when the sense will admit of it.

RULE VII. The question of adjournment shall always be in order; and that, together with a motion to lay on the table, shall be decided without debate.

RULE VIII. The votes by orders may be called, whenever desired by any member of the Convention; and, when called, shall be entered on the minutes.

RULE IX. On all questions of order, the President shall decide, subject to an appeal to the house.

RULE X. A question, being decided, shall not be reconsidered during the same session, without the consent of two thirds of the members present, nor unless the motion to reconsider be made and seconded by members who voted in the majority on the original decision.

The Bishop appointed the following Committees:

Committee of Qualification. The Rev. Edward Ballard, the Rev. George M. Randall, and Samuel L. Crocker, Esq.

Committee on New Parishes. The Rev. A. H. Vinton, D. D., the Hon. Edward A. Newton, and William Appleton, Esq.

Committee of Finance. The Rev. T. Strong, D. D., Dr. E. H. Robbins, and Benjamin Howard, Esq.

Executive Committee. The Rev. Asa Eaton, D. D., the Rev. Samuel B. Shaw, and the Rev. Thomas R. Lambert.

Committee on Unfinished Business. The Rev. P. H. Greenleaf, and E. S. Rand, Jr., Esq.

On motion,

Voted, That the Committee of Qualification and the Committee on New Parishes be allowed to sit immediately.

On motion,

Voted, That when this Convention adjourn, it adjourn to meet at half past 4 o'clock, P. M.

Adjourned.

Trinity Church, Wednesday, June 12,
half past 4 *o'clock, P. M.*

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

The roll having been called, the Committee of Qualification made the following report, which was accepted:

Report.

The Committee of Qualification "to whom was referred all matters relative to the right of membership, and the certificates of Lay Delegates," ask leave to report as follows:

That of the Clergy, the following being actually and canonically resident within this Diocese, and otherwise qualified according to the third article of the Constitution, are entitled to seats:

The Right Rev. the Bishop of the Diocese, the Rev. Ethan Allen, the Rev. Samuel B. Babcock, the Rev. Edward Ballard, the Rev. W. S. Bartlet, the Rev. Alfred L. Baury, the Rev. N. T. Bent, the Rev. Silas Blaisdale, the Rev. Isaac Boyle, D. D., the Rev. D. R. Brewer, the Rev. Orange Clark, D. D., the Rev. J. H. Clinch, the Rev. Samuel Cutler, the Rev. J. S. Davenport, the Rev. T. Edson, the Rev. Asa Eaton, D. D., the Rev. D. L. B. Goodwin, the Rev. P. H. Greenleaf, the Rev. S. Hassard, the Rev. N. Hoppin, the Rev. M. A. D'W. Howe, the Rev. T. R. Lambert, the Rev. Daniel Leach, the Rev. Henry W. Lee, the Rev. Charles Mason, the Rev. A. D. McCoy, the Rev. S. P. Parker, the Rev. Jacob Pearson, the Rev. G. M. Randall, the Rev. S. B. Shaw, the Rev. M. P. Stickney, the Rev. Theodore W. Snow, the Rev. Titus Strong, D. D., the Rev. A. H. Vinton, D. D., the Rev. J. L. Watson, the Rev. E. M. P. Wells, the Rev. John Woart, the Rev. Clement M. Butler, the Rev. Newton E. Marble, the Rev. Henry Burroughs, Jr., the Rev. Frederic W. J. Pollard, the Rev. Addison Searle, the Rev. George C. Shepard, D. D.

The following, though actually resident, yet not being otherwise constitutionally qualified, are not entitled to seats:

The Rev. James B. Howe, the Rev. Thomas G. Salter, the Rev. George T. Chapman, D. D., the Rev. George Packard, the Rev. Wm. Withington, the Rev. F. A. Foxcroft, the Rev. Justin Field, Jr., the Rev. William Cook, the Rev. N. W. Munro.

The following, though canonically resident, yet not being actually so, are not entitled to seats:

The Rev. John L. Blake, D. D., the Rev. Fernando C. Putnam.

The Committee state that the Rev. Robert M. Chapman has been regularly officiating in the Diocese since last July, and in November last applied to the Bishop of the Diocese, in which he had previously resided, for letters dimissory, which were not received until the month of March. They submit these facts for the consideration of the Convention, to take such action thereupon as they may deem proper.

In respect to the right of membership of the Rev. John P. Robinson, the Committee are not at present prepared to report.

All the Lay Delegates, whose certificates of election have been before the Committee, are entitled to seats.

For the Committee, EDWARD BALLARD, *Chairman.*

On motion,

Voted, That the Rev. Robert M. Chapman be admitted to a seat in this Convention as a member thereof.

On motion,

Voted, That Clergymen not entitled to seats in this Convention, and Candidates for Holy Orders, be admitted to its sittings. The following accordingly appeared and took their seats in the Convention:

The Rev. George Packard, of the Diocese of Massachusetts.
" " John P. Robinson, of the Diocese of Massachusetts.
" " Thomas G. Salter, of the Diocese of Massachusetts.
" " Justin Field, Jr., of the Diocese of Massachusetts.
" " William Withington, of the Diocese of Massachusetts.
" " William Cook, of the Diocese of Massachusetts.
" " Benjamin Hale, D. D., of the Diocese of Western New York.
" " Cranmore Wallace, of the Diocese of South Carolina.
" " Henry M. Beare, of the Diocese of New York.
" " J. L. Clark, of the Diocese of Connecticut.

Messrs. Robert B. Hall, Thomas M. Smith, and Edmund F. Slafter, Candidates for Orders.

The Rev. Dr. Eaton, from the Executive Committee, presented a report, recommending the second Wednesday in June, 1845, at 10 o'clock, A. M., as the time of the next Annual Convention, and Trinity Church, Boston, as the place in which the same shall be held.

The report was adopted.

The Rev. Dr. Vinton, from the Committee on New Parishes reported that a parish had been duly organized in Worcester, under the name of All Saints' Church, — and one in Boston, under the name of the Church of the Messiah, — and recommended that they be admitted into union with this Convention.

The report was adopted.

Whereupon, certificates of the following Lay Delegates from said parishes were read:

All Saints' Church, Worcester. Henry K. Newcomb, Joseph Head, and George S. Ellis.

Church of the Messiah, Boston. Phineas Capen, Francis Bullard, and P. S. Wheelock.

St. Luke's Church, Chelsea, formerly Mount Zion Church, was recognized under its new name, it having been legally adopted.

The Bishop then delivered the following

Address:

MY BRETHREN OF THE CLERGY AND LAITY:—

I proceed to lay before you, on this occasion of our annual ecclesiastical council, the record of my official transactions during the past year.

On Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, of the week following the meeting of the last Convention, I attended the annual meeting of the Board of Missions, which was held in St. Paul's, Boston.

On Friday, June 23, 1843, at St. John's Church, Charlestown, confirmed 16 in the evening.

On St. John Baptist's Day, Saturday, June 24, preached in the evening in the temporary place of worship occupied by the congregation of St. Luke's, Lowell.

On the second Sunday after Trinity, June 25, at St. Anne's, Lowell, after Morning Prayer, heard the children of the parish catechized by the Rev. Mr. Edson, the Rector; and then examined them myself. The attendance of children was very numerous. After the examination, I addressed a few words to the congregation which was then assembled. May they, and may all the congregations throughout the Diocese, appreciate daily more and more the importance of seconding the ministry, in the nurture of the rising generation! Exertions for the spiritual welfare of

children never *can* be in vain; for the promise of God, in his own word, is pledged to grant the blessing, where the labor is faithfully bestowed.

In the afternoon of this day, confirmed 30 at St. Anne's; and, after the conclusion of divine service, examined the children of the Sunday Schools connected with this parish, and addressed a few observations to the Teachers. In the evening, I confirmed 10 at St. Luke's. It is truly a gratifying event, that a second parish has been organized in this large manufacturing town, where the sound doctrines, and wholesome order of our Church, are so eminently fitted to exert a salutary influence. For the want of funds, the parish church, though covered in, has not been completed; although, through the generous contributions of Episcopalians in this, and in other Dioceses, the fears entertained respecting the immediate sacrifice of the building have at various times been removed. But it is again in danger; and I trust that the means for accomplishing its permanent safety will, in course of time, be cheerfully furnished.

On the following day, June 26, I went to New York, for the purpose of attending the annual meeting of the Board of Trustees of the General Theological Seminary; and shared with many others, on Friday, June 30, the pleasure and profit of listening to the Sermon preached by the Bishop of Delaware, on occasion of the Commencement of that Institution. I can wish nothing better for its students than that they should follow out, in their ministry, the model of scriptural preaching which that Discourse presented. On the Third Sunday after Trinity, July 2, I preached twice from the pulpit of the Church of the Ascension, New York; and thus had the gratification of beholding once more, within the walls of that beloved sanctuary, the faces of my ancient flock.

On Thursday, July 6, in Christ Church, Cambridge, instituted the Rev. Nicholas Hoppin Rector of that parish.

On Friday, July 7, in the Methodist Meeting House at Cambridgeport, confirmed 6 for the parish of St. Peter's in the evening.

On the Fourth Sunday after Trinity, July 9, preached in the morning at St. Peter's, Salem; and in the afternoon confirmed 8. This confirmation was after an interval of only 5 months since the last administration of the rite in that parish; and this fact accounts for the small number of persons presented. After the conclusion of divine service in the afternoon I examined the children in the Catechism; and then addressed the Sunday School Teachers and others, who were present. The flourishing state of this parish, and its steady and healthy growth, are a subject for devout gratitude to God.

In the evening of this day, confirmed 7 in the ancient church of St. Michael, Marblehead; and on the following day, Monday, July 10, in the afternoon, catechized the children after Evening Prayer, and addressed the congregation.

On Tuesday, July 11, confirmed 13 in the evening, in St. Paul's Church, Newburyport.

On Wednesday, July 12, in the afternoon, confirmed 2 in St. James's Church, Amesbury.

On Thursday, July 13, preached in the evening in Christ Church, Andover; and on the evening of the following day, confirmed 9 in the same church. On this day the Eastern District Church Missionary Association held one of their appointed meetings. The Rev. Messrs. Blaisdale, Edson, and McCoy were present, besides the Rector of the parish, the Rev. Dr. Fuller; and in the afternoon, an excellent discourse on the subject of Missions was preached by the Rev. Mr. Blaisdale. In the evening, a collection was made for the Massachusetts Board of Missions. It is to be hoped that collections will always be made on similar occasions. When the hearts of the people are opened by appeals from the Clergy, it is always desirable to afford them the opportunity of

expressing their interest in the missionary cause, by contributions to the Lord's treasury.

On the Fifth Sunday after Trinity, July 16, in the temporary place of worship occupied by the congregation of St. Luke's, Chelsea, confirmed 3 in the morning.

In the afternoon of the same day, confirmed 9 in St. Matthew's Church, South Boston.

On Monday, July 17, preached in the evening in Christ Church, Quincy.

On Tuesday, July 18, in St. Andrew's, Hanover, confirmed 2 in the afternoon; and, after divine service, examined a large number of the children of the parish in the Catechism. On the evening of this day, I preached a second time in the same church.

On Wednesday, July 19, in Trinity Church, Marshfield, preached in the afternoon.

On Thursday, July 20, in Trinity Church, Bridgewater, preached in the afternoon; and again in the evening. On the next day, Friday, July 21, after Morning Prayer, catechized the children of the parish.

On the Sixth Sunday after Trinity, July 23, in Grace Church, New Bedford, examined the children in the Catechism, after Morning Prayer, and in the afternoon confirmed 15 in the same church. In the evening I preached.

On Tuesday, July 25, St. James the Apostle, I proceeded to Nantucket; and on the evening of that day preached in Trinity Church, on that island. On Wednesday, July 26, I confirmed 19 in the same church, in the evening. I was accompanied, on this visit, by my reverend brethren, Mr. Robinson, Mr. Cutler, and Mr. Snow; the last two of whom preached once each in Trinity Church, on the second day of the Visitation. A meeting was held, at this time, of the Southern District Church Missionary Association; and a collection was made in the church, in aid of the purposes of the Association.

I left Nantucket on Friday, July 28; and on the evening of that day confirmed 14 in the Church of the Ascension, Fall River.

On the Seventh Sunday after Trinity, July 30, at St. Mary's, Newton, Lower Falls, preached in the morning; and in the afternoon confirmed 3. Between the morning and afternoon services, I visited the Sunday School of this parish, and addressed a few remarks to the Teachers and Scholars.

On Monday, July 31, in the afternoon, preached in St. Paul's, Hopkinton.

On Tuesday, August 1, in St. John's, Wilkinsonville, confirmed 7 in the afternoon; and preached again in the same church in the evening. After the sermon, I catechized the children of the parish.

On Thursday, August 3, preached in the evening in the temporary place of worship, occupied by the congregation of All Saints', Worcester.

On Friday, August 4, preached in Christ Church, Clappville, in the evening.

On the Eighth Sunday after Trinity, August 6, in Christ Church, Springfield, preached in the morning, and administered the Holy Communion. In the afternoon, confirmed 12 in the same church; and, after divine service, examined the children in the Catechism.

On Monday, August 7, preached in the afternoon in St. Mark's, Blandford, and baptized the infant son of the Rev. Mr. Bates, the Rector; and again preached, in the evening, in the school house at the North Meadow.

On Tuesday, August 8, in St. Paul's, Otis, in the afternoon, baptized the infant daughter of the Rev. Mr. Allen, the Rector, and also two adults; and confirmed 3.

On Wednesday, August 9, in the Town House of Stockbridge, confirmed 13 for the parish of St. Paul's, in the afternoon; and in the evening preached in the lecture-room, occasionally occupied by the congregation.

On Thursday, August 10, in St. James's Church, Great Barrington, confirmed 28 in the afternoon; and preached a second time in the same church in the evening.

On Friday, August 11, in Trinity Church, Van Deusenville, confirmed 2 in the afternoon.

On Saturday, August 12, preached in the afternoon in Trinity Church, Lenox.

On the Ninth Sunday after Trinity, August 13, in St. Stephen's Pittsfield, preached in the morning. In the afternoon confirmed 13; and then examined the children in the Catechism. In the evening preached again in the same church.

On Monday, August 14, in St. Luke's, Lanesborough, preached in the morning, and catechized the children. In the afternoon confirmed 5; and also at a private house, confirmed a member of the parish, who was prevented by indisposition from being present in the church.

On Tuesday, August 15, in St. John's, Ashfield, confirmed 5 in the afternoon, and examined the children in the Catechism.

On Thursday, August 17, in St. James's, Greenfield, confirmed 3 in the afternoon, and catechized the children.

On Friday, August 18, in the Meeting House at Montagu, confirmed in the afternoon 2 persons belonging to the parish of St. James's, Greenfield; and preached again in St. James's, Greenfield, on the evening of the same day.

On the Tenth Sunday after Trinity, August 20, in St. John's Church, Northampton, preached in the morning, and administered the Holy Communion. In the afternoon confirmed 3, and after divine service catechized the children. In the evening, preached again in the same church; and thus completed my first entire visitation of the Diocese.

On Thursday, September 7, at an Ordination held in Trinity Church, Boston, admitted Mr. Newton E. Marble, a Candidate for Orders of the Diocese, to the Holy Order of Deacons. The ser-

mon was preached by the Rev. Mr. Burroughs. Mr. Marble has been chosen the Rector of Trinity Church, Bridgewater.

On Wednesday, September 13, attended a periodical meeting of the Eastern District Church Missionary Association in Lowell. The Rev. Messrs. Edson, McCoy, Davenport, Blaisdale, Mason, and Watson, were present on this occasion. I preached in the evening in St. Anne's Church; and a collection was made for the Massachusetts Board of Missions. I also confirmed, at this time, 3 persons.

On Thursday, October 12, in St. John's Church, Jamaica Plain, after Evening Prayer, catechized the children of the congregation. The present incumbent of this Church is the Rev. Dr. Shepard, who has been received into this Diocese from that of Connecticut.

On Tuesday, October 31, in St. Luke's Church, Lowell, baptized 2 infants in the afternoon, and confirmed 6 persons. The number confirmed in this parish during the year is 16.

On Wednesday, November 1, All Saints' Day, in Trinity Church, Boston, at an Ordination held by request of the Bishop of Rhode-Island, admitted to the Holy Order of Priests the Rev. Samuel A. Taylor, Deacon, of that Diocese, Missionary to Mesopotamia under an appointment from the Foreign Committee of the Board of Missions.

On Tuesday, November 14, at Medford, administered the rite of Confirmation, and subsequently the Holy Communion, to a resident of that town who has been confined for many years to his own house, owing to the deprivation, by an afflictive providence, of the use of his limbs. What a lesson do such cases as this read to *us*, who are permitted, from year to year, to ascend with joyful feet to the courts of God, and to share the unspeakable privileges of his holy temple! Let us diligently use these mercies while we have them, least haply the period may come when we shall look back, with regret, to the slighted and unimproved "days of the Son of man!"

On the Twenty-Third Sunday after Trinity, November 19, in Trinity Church, Boston, administered the rite of Confirmation to a distinguished officer of the United States Navy, about to leave this country to assume the command of a squadron on the Mediterranean station.

On the Second Sunday in Advent, December 10, in Trinity Church, Boston, confirmed 30 in the morning.

On Wednesday, December 20, at an Ordination held in St. Paul's, Newburyport, admitted to Priest's Orders the Rev. John S. Davenport, Deacon; and preached again in the same church on the evening of that day.

On Thursday, December 21, St. Thomas the Apostle, instituted the Rev. Mr. Davenport Rector of that parish. The Rev. Mr. Edson preached the sermon on this occasion. Since my last visit to Newburyport, St. Paul's Church had undergone some alterations, with the view of providing accommodation for a larger number of worshippers than it before held; and I was gratified to remark the correct taste and feeling with which these alterations had been made by the Vestry.

On Tuesday, December 26, St. Stephen's Day, at an Ordination held in Trinity Church, Boston, admitted to Deacon's Orders Mr. William B. Corbin, a Candidate for Orders of this Diocese, and late a Licentiate of the Congregational denomination. The Rev. Dr. Vinton preached the sermon. Mr. Corbin has recently been transferred to the Diocese of Connecticut.

On the First Sunday after the Epiphany, January 7, 1844, in Christ Church, Cambridge, confirmed 4 in the afternoon.

On Wednesday, January 10, I attended, at Lenox, the anniversary of the Auxiliary Bible Society of Berkshire; and had the gratification of meeting a large assembly of persons, interested in the noble work of sending abroad those inspired Scriptures, which are the only infallible directory of ruined man to life and immortality. On this occasion I delivered an address; and have recorded

this fact, simply for the purpose of expressing to you, my brethren of the Clergy and Laity, my undiminished attachment to the principle upon which Bible Societies are organized. In an union between those of various names for the simple purpose of circulating the word of God without note or comment, results are accomplished which could in no other way be attained, while there is, in my view, no compromise of that duty which we owe to the Church of our dearest affections. This is a cause which God has crowned with the most unequivocal tokens of his favor and blessing; and my convictions of its excellence have grown stronger with every year that has passed over my head, since I first became a member of the great national Bible Society, established in the city of New York. After these remarks it is hardly necessary to say, that to see all the members of our Church, both clerical and lay, giving their support heartily to this plan for blessing the world, would afford me the most unalloyed gratification.

On the evening of the same day, I preached in St. Stephen's, Pittsfield; and had the pleasure of meeting there, as well as at the Bible Society meeting at Lenox, several of the clergy of Berkshire.

On Wednesday, January 31, I had the pleasure of consecrating St. Peter's Church, Cambridgeport. This accession to the number of our places of worship must be a subject of mutual congratulation to us all. Cambridgeport is rapidly increasing in population; and there is every probability that the time is not far distant, when the present small edifice will give place to a church of much larger dimensions.

On Tuesday, February 13, confirmed, in a private house, a sick member of Trinity Church, Boston.

On Wednesday, February 14, at an Ordination held in St. Peter's Church, Cambridgeport, admitted to the Order of Priests the Rev. Darius R. Brewer, Deacon, the Rector of the Parish.

On the Third Sunday in Lent, March 10, in the Chapel of the

Boston Episcopal City Mission Society, in Pearl Street, confirmed 18 in the evening. The Rev. Mr. Wells, having transferred to other hands the care of his establishment for education at South Boston, has been appointed the Missionary of this Society; and is now prosecuting his work in this interesting field of labor, with very evident tokens of a divine blessing upon his ministrations.

On the First Sunday after Easter, April 14, in St Matthew's Church, South Boston, confirmed 10 in the afternoon. This number, added to the 9 persons already recorded as having been confirmed there in July last, makes the whole number confirmed in this parish, during the year, 19.

On Wednesday, April 17, in Christ Church, Springfield, preached in the afternoon, and in the evening confirmed 11. These, added to the 12 confirmed in the parish in August last, as already stated, make the whole number confirmed there, since the last Convention, 23.

On the third Sunday after Easter, April 28, in St. Peter's, Cambridgeport, confirmed 5 in the evening. The whole number confirmed in this parish, during the year, is 11.

On St. Philip and St. James's Day, Wednesday, May 1, I commenced a second Visitation of the Diocese; and confirmed in the evening 9 persons in St. Peter's, Salem. The whole number confirmed in this Church since the last Convention is 17.

On the evening of Thursday, May 2, I again preached in this church.

On Friday, May 3, in St. Michael's, Marblehead, confirmed 4 in the evening; making, with the 7 confirmed in July last, the whole number for the year 11. I was much pleased to find, that, since my last visit to this parish, a new and very convenient vestry-room had been erected; and learned, with equal satisfaction, that it is intended, during the present summer, to make some very much needed improvements in the interior of the Church.

On the Fourth Sunday after Easter, May 5, in St. Paul's,

Newburyport, preached in the morning, and administered the Holy Communion. In the afternoon confirmed 11; making, with the 13 confirmed in July last, 24 for the year. I also examined the children of the parish in the Catechism; and again preached in the evening.

On Monday, May 6, in St. James's, Amesbury, preached in the afternoon; and then catechized the children, and addressed the parents and others present in the Church.

On Tuesday, May 7, in Christ Church, Andover, preached in the afternoon; and in the evening confirmed 6. The whole number confirmed here during the year is 15. The Rev. Dr. Fuller, who for several years was the useful Rector of this parish, has, to my great regret, left the Diocese; having become the Milnor Professor of Divinity in the Theological Seminary of Ohio. He has been succeeded in the charge of Christ Church, Andover, by the Rev. George Packard, who has been received into this Diocese with letters dimissory from the Bishop of Virginia.

On the Fifth Sunday after Easter, May 12, in St. Andrew's, Hanover, preached in the morning; and in the afternoon confirmed 2. The whole number confirmed for the year, is 4. After the confirmation, I catechized the children.

On the evening of this day, preached again in Trinity Church, Marshfield.

On Monday, May 13, in Trinity Church, Bridgewater, preached in the afternoon, and catechized the children; and again preached in the evening.

On Wednesday, May 15, in St. Thomas's Church, Taunton, preached in the afternoon, and catechized the children of the parish; and in the evening confirmed 8. A regular meeting of the Southern District Church Missionary Association took place in Taunton on the preceding day; and sermons were preached in the afternoon and evening by the Rev. Messrs. Cutler and Howe.

On Friday, May 17, in Grace Church, New Bedford, catechized the children in the afternoon; and in the evening confirmed 8. This number, added to 15 confirmed in July last, makes 23 for the whole year.

On the Sunday after Ascension-Day, May 19, in Trinity Church, Nantucket, preached in the morning, and again in the afternoon; and catechized the children. In the evening confirmed 14. The whole number confirmed in this church since the last Convention is 33. My revered predecessor in office expressed his regret at certain peculiarities practised by the Rector of this parish, in conducting the service; regarding them as bearing a resemblance to the ceremonies of a communion, from whose superstitions we were at the Reformation happily delivered. At my first visit to Nantucket last summer, I affectionately desired that they might be relinquished; but I am grieved to state, that, notwithstanding my earnest request, both at that time, and since also, some of these objectionable singularities are still continued.

On Friday, May 24, in Grace Church, Boston, instituted the Rev. Clement M. Butler Rector of the parish; which was deprived, last autumn, of the valuable services of the Rev. Mr. Clark, by his resignation of the charge of it, and removal to the Diocese of Pennsylvania. To his assiduous labors Grace Church is mainly indebted, under divine Providence, for the important and useful position which it now occupies; and it is, I trust, the sincere prayer and wish of us all, that his exertions may continue to be blest in that new and interesting field upon which he has entered, as one of the successors of the honored and lamented Bedell in St. Andrew's Church, Philadelphia. Mr. Butler comes into this Diocese from that of Maryland; and was chosen with remarkable unanimity to the post where he now stands, as a watchman and steward of the Lord.

On Tuesday in Whitsun-Week, May 28, in St. Paul's, Dedham, confirmed 2 in the evening.

On Trinity Sunday, June 2, in St. Paul's, Boston, confirmed 28 in the afternoon.

On Wednesday, June 5, in St. Anne's, Lowell, confirmed 14 in the evening. The whole number confirmed in this parish during the last twelve months is 47.

On Sunday last, First Sunday after Trinity, June 9, in Christ Church, Boston, confirmed 4 in the evening.

And yesterday, St. Barnabas the Apostle, June 11, at an Ordination held in Trinity Church, Boston, admitted to Priest's Orders the Rev. George Packard, Deacon, Minister of Christ Church, Andover. The Rev. Mr. Greenleaf preached the Sermon.

From the foregoing record it appears, that the number of persons confirmed in this Diocese, during the past year, is 462; that 2 Deacons have been ordained, and 4 priests; and that one Church has been consecrated.

I have preached, during the year, 152 times.

The following persons are Candidates for Orders: — George W. Porter, George Henry Clark, James L. Scott, George D. Miles, James Jackson, Daniel G. Estes, Nathanael G. Allen, E. F. Slafter, George D. Wildes, Thornton W. Clapp, Edward A. Washburn, Thomas M. Smith, Charles S. Putnam, Daniel B. Hagar, and R. B. Hall — Total 15. Horatio Merrill, a Candidate for Orders, after having undergone the canonical examinations, was found to be not duly qualified for ordination; and his name is therefore erased from the list of Candidates. Another Candidate for Orders, Caleb M. Stimson, having overpassed the requisite time within which application is to be made for the first and second examinations, has, in like manner, ceased to be a Candidate.

In July last I gave, with sincere pleasure, my consent to the consecration of the Rev. Dr. Henshaw, as Bishop of Rhode-Island. That interesting solemnity took place at Providence during the month of August; and it was a subject of deep regret

to me, that owing to the engagements previously made, and which could not, without detriment, be postponed, I was unable to comply with the request of the venerable Senior Bishop to be present and assisting on the occasion.

Since the last Convention the following changes, in addition to those already noticed, have taken place in the Diocese:

The Rev. Elezer A. Greenleaf has been transferred, by letters dimissory, to the Diocese of New Hampshire; the Rev. Benjamin C. C. Parker to New York; the Rev. Edward J. Stearns to Maryland; and the Rev. Edward A. Renouf, Deacon, to Western New York. Mr. Jonathan Coe, a Candidate for Orders, has been transferred to the Diocese of Connecticut.

The Rev. Mr. Bates has resigned the parish of St. Mark's, Blandford, and is now officiating in the Diocese of Connecticut.

The Rev. Robert M. Chapman has been received into this Diocese from that of North Carolina; and is now the Minister of Trinity Church, Van Deusenville.

The Rev. Henry Burroughs has been received from the Diocese of New Jersey, and is the Rector of St. John's, Northampton; the Rev. Orange Clark, D. D., his immediate predecessor, having become a Missionary in the Western district of the Diocese.

The following Clergymen have also been received into the Diocese: — The Rev. Frederick W. J. Pollard, Rector of Trinity Church, Nantucket, from the Diocese of New York; the Rev. Addison Searle, Chaplain in the United States Navy, from the Diocese of Michigan; the Rev. James B. Howe from New Hampshire; and the Rev. Thomas G. Salter from Connecticut.

During the past year a new parish has been organized in the southern part of this city, under the name of the Church of the Messiah. The Vestry have secured a very convenient place for holding public worship; and have appointed as the Rector of the parish the Rev. George M. Randall, who has resigned his charge of the Church at Fall River, and is now laboring in this new field

with very encouraging prospects. May the divine blessing attend his ministrations; and render them instrumental in rearing a large and permanent parish, in that rapidly growing quarter of the city!

The Rev. George T. Chapman, D. D., late of the Diocese of New Jersey, but now of this, has been appointed by the Board of Missions the Missionary at Worcester; and is now the Minister of the newly incorporated parish of All Saints', in that town. I entertain the confident hope, that, under the efficient services thus imparted to this congregation, they will grow to such strength as to be enabled, in a short time, to commence the erection of a sanctuary. The site for an intended Church has, I understand, been already secured. Worcester is an important central point in the Diocese; and a flourishing parish there would exert a powerful influence in favor of our interests elsewhere.

Among those subjects for devout and cheerful thanksgiving to God, presenting themselves at this meeting of our annual Council, there are two of peculiar interest which I proceed to place upon record.

One of these is the rescue of the two parishes of St. John's, Charlestown, and St. James's, Roxbury, from those pecuniary embarrassments by which they have been so long pressed to the earth; and which had at last brought them to the verge of immediate dissolution. Through the generous, self-denying, and indefatigable exertions of a few members of our Church in this city, seconded by the liberal contributions of those to whom they applied for aid, the church at Charlestown has been entirely relieved from debt; and the church at Roxbury has been placed in such a situation, that its small remaining amount of liability will, in a short time, be wholly liquidated. The active Rectors of these parishes will now have the satisfaction of pursuing their labors, unimpeded by those obstacles which have hitherto discouraged the hearts, and in a great measure frustrated their efforts. And I cannot, consistently with a sense of duty, refrain from thus

publicly acknowledging the debt of gratitude which is laid upon our whole Church, towards those gentlemen who, by God's grace, were led to give up, for a time, personal ease, and the care of important personal interests, for the purpose of completing an object in which the salvation of immortal souls, and the honor of our Communion, were so deeply involved. May such examples of disinterested devotion to the kingdom of Christ, now so rare among those who are professedly his people, daily increase in the midst of us! While there is no merit in any thing that we do, and even our best services need to be washed in redeeming blood, yet we have reason to believe, on the divine promise, that our labors in the Redeemer's cause, done from love to Him because He first loved us, will be honored and accepted by Him as the evidences of our faith, and the fruits of the gracious Spirit in our hearts. The good work to which I have just called your attention, has taken from my own mind a most oppressive weight of anxiety. May God reward its authors tenfold into their bosom!

But while we find, in this event, ground for thankfulness and rejoicing, let it not come without its lesson of admonition. The difficulties under which both these parishes so long labored, had their origin in the perilous step of proceeding to build a sanctuary, without having a reasonable prospect of paying for its erection. This is an error, the pernicious operation of which, it is true, has been witnessed in other Dioceses besides our own: but so blighting have been its effects upon the prosperity of many of the parishes within my jurisdiction, that I cannot help lifting up a warning voice, at this time, against the recurrence of the like tremendous evils in days to come. I therefore take the present opportunity of expressing the hope, that no Church will in future be begun, until those concerned in the building of it have fair ground for believing that no embarrassments will result from the measure.

Another subject of grateful acknowledgment is the commencement of another sacred edifice in this city, to be devoted to the

purposes of our Episcopal City Mission. It is well known that the Managers of this Society have, for several years past, employed a missionary to search out the spiritually destitute in their abodes; to carry to them the tidings of a Saviour, and the consolations of the gospel; and to invite them to the privileges of the house of God. A great obstacle, however, to the full success of such labors, has been the want of a commodious and decent sanctuary, where those who are the objects of the missionary's labors might enjoy, in a place of comfort and propriety, the blessings of the word and the ordinances. It is a duty to relieve the temporal necessities of the poor; but it is a still higher duty to provide for the wants of their immortal souls. This can only be done by placing them under the ministrations of a preached gospel; but, in order to induce them to resort to these, it is absolutely necessary that we should provide for them the same accommodation, which we so much value ourselves. Under a deep sense of the importance of this object, a member of the Church in this city made a proposal, last autumn, to erect at his own expense a suitable Church, provided that the City Missionary Society would furnish the land on which it should be placed. Through the contributions of members of our several city parishes, a lot of ground has been procured in Purchase Street, and the proposed building has been begun; although I regret to say, that the response to the generous proposition above referred to has not been so liberal and hearty, as to have even yet secured the whole purchase-money of the site. It is to be hoped that the remainder will soon be forthcoming: — mortifying it is that the hearts of many are so backward in this work of love. When we see the readiness with which silver and gold are expended by the children of this world, upon objects of selfish pleasure and luxury, and then turn to the reluctance which multitudes of professed Christians evince, in consecrating any portion of their substance to the glory of Christ, may we not well

sigh over that low prevailing standard, by which men seem to measure their obligations to Him whose name they bear? While, in the example just recorded, we find cause for gratitude to the Almighty, let it stimulate us all to greater activity in our Redeemer's service. Of all that we have, we are but the stewards. The days of our stewardship will soon be terminated. Let us so use our talents, that at last we may receive the welcome, "Well done, good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord!"

The congregation of St. Paul's, Stockbridge, have since the last Convention commenced, and nearly completed, their parish Church, and expect to have it ready for consecration in the course of a few weeks; and the parishioners of St. Luke's, Chelsea, are making preparations for erecting an edifice, to be finished in the autumn of the present year.

It is of course known to all of you, that the Tract Committee, appointed at the last Convention of this Diocese, commenced their operations in the autumn, and have issued successively a small number of tracts, illustrative of the doctrines, worship, polity, and offices of our Church. The views expressed in my address delivered last year, and the adopted report of the Committee to whom the subject was referred, appear, by a fair construction, to assign to the Tract Committee the duty of publishing not merely didactive treatises, but also tracts of an awakening character; such as will carry home to the consciences of men the momentous subject of personal religion. They have, accordingly, had reference to this object in the last of their publications; — but in performing this, and every other part of the trust committed to them, they will be able to effect but little, if they are not more warmly seconded by the aid of the various parishes. I would suggest to my brethren of the Clergy, that, with the view of ensuring to the Committee a regular supply of the needed funds,

and of interesting more generally their people in the object, there be formed, in their several spheres of labor, Tract associations. Let me hope that this subject will receive your early attention.

At the last Convention, I expressed my sense of the great importance of some organized Board of Trustees, who might receive and apply monies contributed in aid of the erection of Churches. To the views briefly set forth at that time in my Address, I beg to refer you; at the same time expressing my regret, that no definite action on the subject was then taken. I once more commend the matter most earnestly to your attention. The want of Churches is one of the greatest under which we labor; and there is little probability of many new sanctuaries being built in this Diocese, without aid. It becomes, therefore, a most important object, to set on foot the most effectual means for obtaining this aid. The Board of Missions, to whom this subject was referred, have, for reasons which their Report explains, matured no plan for your consideration.

The Committee to whom was given in charge, by the last Convention, the erection of a mural tablet in Trinity Church, in this city, to the memory of your late revered and beloved Diocesan, have performed the duty assigned to them. The monument now adorns these consecrated walls; and you will perceive, with great satisfaction, how faithfully the sculptor has engraven in marble the expression of that countenance, which you all knew so well.

It is proper here to state, that, acting under a request from the Standing Committee of the Diocese of New-Hampshire, I have, on two occasions, performed Episcopal acts in that portion of the Lord's vineyard: in December last consecrating St. Michael's Church, Manchester; and in the month of April confirming 9 persons in St. Thomas's Church, Dover.

Since the last Convention I have received canonical notice from the Bishop of Illinois, of having displaced from the ministry the Rev. Timothy Minor, a Presbyter of that Diocese; and also from

the same Bishop notice of having suspended from all exercise of the ministry for contumacy, according to Canon 15, Sec. 2, of the Diocese of Illinois, the Rev. Erastus D'Wolf, a presbyter thereof. I have likewise received canonical notice from the Bishop of Ohio, of having displaced from the ministry the Rev. Almon Barnes, a Deacon of that Diocese, for causes not affecting his moral standing.

With one or two subjects, to which I ask your serious attention, I hasten to close the present address.

I must, in duty, urge upon the consciences of the lay-members of our Church the necessity of solemn self-examination, in reference to their interest in the Missionary Cause. The domestic missions of our Church throughout the United States, — her foreign missions, — the operations of our own Board of Missions in this Diocese, — all are cramped and retarded; and only for the want of a sufficient degree of that spirit, which prompts men to do unto others even as Christ has done to them. I have just made mention of some remarkable examples of Christian liberality, and feel, I would hope, that grateful sense of them which I have expressed. But from how small a number of individuals are those contributions derived, by which the kingdom of our Lord and Master is carried onward! How much might be done, if all would feel that they have a part to perform! At the very moment in which I am now speaking, the treasury of our Diocesan Board of Missions is without the means to meet a debt, which ought two months since to have been paid. While I must again urge upon the Clergy the formation, in their parishes, of plans for systematic contribution, let me affectionately press upon the Laity the remembrance of their responsibilities. Accustom yourselves to think often upon the pressing need which exists, of daily beneficence on the part of Christians. I must be permitted to bear my unequivocal testimony, at this time, to the zeal, judgment, and impartiality, with which our Missionary Board have discharged their responsible

duties. They have well done that which they have done. But they cannot, it is obvious, meet the calls for aid which are made upon them, unless furnished with adequate resources. I commend this subject to your deliberate reflection; and may the Holy Spirit incline your hearts "to think and do always such things as are right!"

My brethren of the Clergy — Among the promises uttered by me at my consecration, was the declaration of my readiness, "with all faithful diligence, to banish and drive away from the Church all erroneous and strange doctrine contrary to God's word; and both privately and openly to call upon and encourage others to the same." Under a solemn remembrance of this vow, I feel it to be my duty to bear, on this occasion of our ecclesiastical council, my public testimony against certain views, which, having made their appearance at various periods since the Reformation, and passed away, have been again brought forward with great zeal in our own day. Originating with a few distinguished men in England, and thence passing over to this country, they have not been without their deleterious influence upon the minds of many of our Clergy. The principal characteristic features of this sytem are the following: — exaggerated views of the efficacy of the Sacraments; unscriptural statements respecting the presence of Christ in the Lord's Supper, and the description of this festival as a sacrifice, instead of a commemoration of that sacrifice which was offered by the Redeemer once for all; the doctrine of sacerdotal absolution, as a power delegated to the ministry; the joining together of Scripture and Tradition, as co-ordinate authorities in matters of faith; a disposition to undervalue the privileges of the glorious Reformation, and to depreciate even those English Reformers whose claims to our gratitude are written in their blood; the merging of the individuality of each man, as a subject of the Holy Spirit's influences, in the Church collectively; and, chiefest and most pernicious of all, confused views of the

fundamental doctrine of justification, — making it to depend, not wholly upon that extrinsic righteousness which flows to us from the merits of Christ without, but in part upon an inherent righteousness existing within.

My brethren, it ought to be sufficient to keep us from the least taint of these views, to know that they are utterly at variance with the doctrines of our own formularies. But in another view they assume an equally grave importance: — for it will not be difficult to shew, that, should such sentiments ever pervade the preaching of our Clergy generally, our Church would be reduced, under their influence, to the condition of an inert carcass, destitute of the life and power of the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. If, for example, congregations of baptized persons should be addressed as those who, in baptism, have without distinction had spiritual life imparted to them, instead of the momentous fact being recognized, that large numbers, notwithstanding their baptism, are still dead in trespasses and sins, — it must be seen at once that the effect of such teaching would be, to turn men's thoughts away from the scriptural doctrine of the necessity of conversion, and to lull them into an entire spiritual slumber. If, again, there is a tendency to the exaltation of the Holy Communion above its proper position, as a commemorative institution, and a means of grace to the faithful recipient, and to present it in the awful mysteriousness in which it was enveloped in an age of darkness, it is plain that the result of this will be, not to increase the penitence and love of our congregations, but to foster superstition. If, further, the ministry established by Christ, instead of being represented as ambassadors to proclaim the mercies of God in his dear Son, should hold themselves up as an order of persons, through whom, as channels, remission is conveyed, the manifest effect of this must be, to place a human being between the eyes of the people and the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ; and to make the forgiveness of sins, instead of being

a transaction between a man's own soul and God alone, a matter of ministerial intervention. If, again, a pretended oral teaching of the apostles, handed down from father to son through the course of eighteen centuries, is to be held forth to the people as filling up that wherein the Scriptures are deficient, and as having the same claims to deference which are possessed by God's own written and authentic revelation of his will to man, it is obvious that the precious Bible will no longer be the book of books in common esteem; and the authority of the word of God will be rendered of none effect by the traditions of men. If, further, the Reformation should be spoken of with qualified gratitude, there must, of necessity, be engendered a proportionate regret for the loss of that condition, from which this event procured our emancipation. If, yet again, the idea should be conveyed, that the position of man as an individual is swallowed up by his position as connected with the sacramental host of the Church, the consequence of this would plainly be, to destroy his responsibility; to quench his desires after private communion with God; and to reduce to a nullity that personal union with Christ, by a true repentance, and a living faith, which is the very essence of religion. And then, lastly, should the clergy fail to teach clearly from the pulpit, that man's justification takes place only through the righteousness of Christ, counted to him on the exercise of faith, — and that our inward righteousness is nothing more than the fruits of this faith, produced by the sanctifying Spirit of God, — it is evident that the people would be furnished with another gospel than that of the Scriptures; and would be taught to build their hopes not upon a rock, but on the sand. In a word, — I cannot but view this system as tending to change our ground of acceptance: to make the necessity of sacraments greater than the necessity for the preaching of Christ crucified: to put divine authority aside for human: to make the Church more prominent than Christ who is the light of the Church: to magnify ordinances

unduly: to make us yearn after a supposed better state of things, than the martyrs of the Church of England have left us as our inheritance: and to place in the room of a living and experimental religion of the heart, a system of formal observances.

Of the very general prevalence, in our Church, of tenets, so foreign from the evangelical spirit, and the moderate tone, of our Prayer Book, I cannot feel any serious apprehension. Between the errors of Popery on the one side, and of those systems around us, on the other, which confessedly attach too little importance to the Sacraments, as seals and pledges of covenanted spiritual blessings, — and which deny its proper value to primitive antiquity, as a witness to facts, — our standards present a middle way, so excellent, and so clearly defined, that it must, one would hope, commend itself to the great body of those who minister at our altars. There is one class of our Clergy, however, in reference to whom the voice of affectionate caution and admonition seems to be strongly needed; — those, namely, who have received ordination in our own Church, after having previously been in the ministry of other religious bodies. These persons, dissatisfied with certain deficiencies in the system to which they once belonged, — having sought a refuge from these within the pale of our own communion, — and yet not having had sufficient time and experience to understand her true character, — have a very natural tendency to get beyond that wise moderation, which is her peculiarly distinguishing feature; and are carried, in their ardent zeal, to extremes unknown by those, who have been nourished from early years at her fountains of sound doctrine. My reverend and dear brethren, the ardent desire of my soul is, that from every pulpit in this Diocese may go forth the clear and unadulterated gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. I need not surely say, that I would have you love, and honor, and commend, the Sacraments, as instituted means of grace to those who rightly receive them. I need not say, that I would have you inculcate,

as you have opportunity, reverence for the ministers of God; and reverence for the temple of God; and an enlightened regard for that august ritual, which has come down to us as a blessed legacy from the primitive ages of the Church. This you will of course do, if you are true to your responsibilities. But that which is the most important of all, and which therefore I am most of all anxious for is, that you should faithfully and distinctly exhibit Christ, and that salvation by his blood which is alone effectual to meet the wants of ruined man. For without this there can be no blessing on our ministry. With it, there will certainly come the signs of the divine presence. And our Church will be, what her institutions and her doctrines so eminently fit her to be, a name and a praise in the earth.

May the Holy Spirit, in all our labors, and in the present council of his Church, vouchsafe to be with us, for Jesus Christ's sake!

The Rev. Mr. Woart, Secretary of the Standing Committee, presented the following Report:

Report of the Standing Committee.

The Standing Committee of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in Massachusetts, chosen at the Annual Convention, in June, 1843, offer the following Report:

During the past year they have held fourteen meetings in Boston, twelve of which were regular meetings held on the first Monday of every month; and two of which were adjourned meetings.

They have signed testimonials recommending five persons as candidates for Holy Orders, namely: Thomas Mather Smith, Edward Abiel Washburn, Charles Simeon Putnam, Daniel B. Hagar, and Robert B. Hall.

They have signed testimonials in favor of three persons applying to be admitted Deacons, namely: Newton E. Marble, George D. Wildes, and William Bester Corbin.

They have recommended three persons to the Bishop for admission to the Priesthood: the Rev. Darius R. Brewer, the Rev. John S. Davenport, and the Rev. George Packard.

On the third of July last, the Committee consented to the consecration of the Rev. John Prentiss Kewley Henshaw, D. D., elected to the Episcopate of Rhode Island, by signing and forwarding to the Secretary of that Diocese the certificate required in such case by the Canon.

At the meeting of the Committee, in November last, the President was requested to apply to the Bishop of the Diocese for a form of prayer to be used at the opening of their future meetings. A prayer was furnished by the Bishop, and has since been used. All which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN WOART, *Secretary.*

The Rev. Mr. Mason, Secretary of the Board of Missions of the Diocese, read the following Report:

Report of the Board of Missions.

The Board of Missions of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Massachusetts, in presenting their eighth annual report, desire to acknowledge the blessing of God, manifest in the cheering results of their operations during the past year.

A few months since, a vacancy occurred in the Board, by the removal of the Rev. Thomas M. Clark from the Diocese. For several years he had been a valuable member of this Board, and contributed largely, both in this capacity, and as Rector of Grace Church, to its success.

The Missionary exertions of the Diocese have received a fresh impulse during the year, and its contributions in the various departments of Missions have exceeded those of any former year. All of these will not appear in the report of the Treasurer, not having been in some cases passed through the treasury of the Board.

The amount received by the Treasurer for all departments of Missions, has been $9903 80; of which $3513 58 was for Foreign Missions; $2190 86 for Domestic Missions, out of this State; and $2901 56 for Missions within the Diocese.

The appropriations for Diocesan Missions have been as follows:

To the Missionary at	St. John's	Church,	Ashfield,	-	$100
" "	St. Paul's	"	Otis, - -	-	100
" "	St. Mark's	"	Blandford,	-	100
" "	St. John's	"	Northampton,	-	200
" "	Trinity	"	Van Deusenville, and		
	Trinity	"	Lenox,	-	150
" "	St. Paul's	"	Stockbridge,	-	100
" "	Trinity	"	Bridgewater,	-	50
" "	All Saints'	"	Worcester,	-	350
" "	St. John's	"	Wilkinsonville,	-	100
" "	St. Luke's	"	Lowell, -	-	400
" "	Christ	"	Quincy, -	-	150
" "	Church of the Ascension, Fall River,				150
" "	St. Peter's Church, Cambridgeport,				400
" "	St. Luke's	"	Chelsea, -	-	200
" "	St. John's	"	Charlestown,	-	300
" "	St. James's	"	Amesbury, for State Missions, in addition to the appropriations of St. Paul's, Newburyport,	-	50
To the Missionary officiating at large in the Southern District,					250
" "	"	"	Western District,		300
					$3,450

The missionary at Blandford resigned April 1st, and the missionary in Western District did not enter upon his duties until Oct. 1st, 1843, which reduces the above sum $100, leaving $3350 as the amount of appropriations for the year ending July 1st, 1844. To this must be added a debt of $739 96, due to the Missionaries at the beginning of the year, which raises the sum due to them within the year to $4089 96.

To meet this amount, the receipts for State Missions have been $2901 56, which leaves a deficiency of $1188 40. As some of the parishes have not made their contributions for the year, this deficiency will probably be diminished before the close of the Convention.

The results of the operations of the Board will be seen by the following summary:

The Churches at Springfield and Andover have not received aid this year, and a brief statement in regard to them will illustrate the success of the Board. Services were commenced at Springfield in October, 1838, and the Church there was received into union with the Diocese in June, 1839. During the present year it has entirely sustained itself, and is rapidly advancing to a place among the most flourishing churches in the Diocese.

The Church at Andover was taken into connection with the Diocese in June, 1837; received aid from the Board until this year, when it became able to support itself. It is now entirely free from debt, and appropriates to the funds of the Board.

The Church at Charlestown also presents a signal instance of success attending the operations of the Board. It was gathered in 1839; has received large, but gradually diminishing, appropriations, since June 1st of that year; is now firmly established, having been entirely freed from debt by a recent effort there and in this city; and will no longer require missionary aid.

The Church at Fall River has met with a great loss by the removal of their rector to Boston, but is believed to be gradually gaining strength.

The parish at Cambridgeport having incurred a debt in the erection of their church, will need aid in supporting their minister until it shall be liquidated; for which end they will use their utmost endeavors.

The Church in Northampton has made rapid progress during the year. A debt for the organ has been paid, which leaves the parish free from incumbrance. The missionary states that the congregation, the attendance at the communion, and the Sunday school, have increased.

The affairs of the Church at Stockbridge have assumed an encouraging aspect, and the rector has nearly succeeded in raising a sum sufficient for the erection of a church.

Van Deusenville has been made a Missionary Station, with good hope of success; and the missionary officiates in Lenox one Sunday in every month.

The missionary at Ashfield reports, that his Church is in a more flourishing condition than in any previous year. For eight years he has occupied that post, and amidst many discouragements steadily pursued his labors.

In the churches at Otis, Blandford, Bridgewater, and Amesbury, it is believed that no material change has taken place during the year.

At Chelsea it is designed to erect, before winter, a chapel to accommodate 252 persons, when an increase in the congregation is expected.

St. Luke's Church, in Lowell, is still encumbered with a heavy debt, and remains in an unfinished state.

The Rev. Mr. Blackaller officiated in Worcester until Easter. He reports that when he commenced services there in May, 1843, there were 24 families, and 22 communicants in his congregation; and that at the date of his report, March 1st, 1844, there were 39 families, 35 communicants, and 33 Sunday school scholars. At Easter, vigorous measures were taken by the Board to establish a Church in Worcester, the result of which was, that an annual sum of $1000 for three years, was contributed by several gentlemen in Boston, to support a minister there for that period, with the understanding that, in the mean time, the congregation will proceed to erect a church. This station is regarded by the Board as one of great importance, and which should occupy much of their attention. The Rev. Dr. Chapman was appointed as Missionary there, and commenced services at Easter.

Besides the missionaries already mentioned, there are two others, supported in part by the funds of the Board, who officiate at large; one in the Western, the other in the Southern District of the Diocese, in cooperation with the Church Missionary Associations of those Districts.

The Rev. Mr. Snow has been engaged steadily in this duty in the Southern District a year and three months. He states, that he has held services in four manufacturing villages within the township of Taunton; and at Dighton, Norton, West Bridgewater, Middleborough, Hingham, and Easton; in each of which places he has been welcomed cordially.

The average congregations at all the places now occupied by him as stations, apart from those places occasionally visited, amount to more than five hundred, who thus become familiar with the services and order of our Church.

The Southern District Church Missionary Association report, that the labors of the Rev. Mr. Snow continue to be highly appre-

ciated by them; and speak in commendation of the method of operations pursued by him. This Association has held six regular meetings within the year, and the Treasurer's report exhibits an increase of receipts from the last year of about one hundred dollars.

The second annual report of the Western District Church Missionary Association has been presented to the Board, through their Secretary, the Rev. Mr. Lee; from which we learn that the missionary work in that part of the Diocese has prospered during the year past.

The Rev. Orange Clark, D. D., entered upon his duties, as missionary at large in that District, on October 1st; has held services chiefly at Clappville and Montague; once at Westfield; twice at Ware; occasionally at Hopkinton, out of the District, by request of the Bishop.

At Clappville, the parish has revived, the Church has been repaired, and the hope is expressed that it may be supplied with a resident minister.

At Montague, where the Church had become nearly extinct, through peculiar circumstances, the labors of the missionary have awakened a new interest. "The few Episcopalians whom he found there, are strongly attached to the Church, and rejoice in the privilege of worshipping God in the mode which they deem most orderly and scriptural."

The Association consider the services of the missionary at these points so useful and acceptable, that they request the renewal of his appointment for another year.

They state that the Church at Blandford will need constant aid; that although in some respects a discouraging field, it ought to be occupied, and might in some way be connected with the Church at Otis, and both parishes be placed under the charge of one missionary.

The members of the Association, the report adds, are convinced of the wisdom of the Convention in recommending the formation of District Associations. In that part of the Diocese, a new impulse has been given to the missionary spirit. Quarterly meetings, and one special meeting of the Association have been held, at all of which collections were made; and these, together with the amount given in the parishes generally, make a sum

considerably larger than has been received in former years in this portion of the Diocese.

No reports have been received from the Central and Eastern District Associations. The latter, however, has held meetings during the year.

At the last Convention the subject of "Church-Building, and the devising of measures to promote the erection of churches within the Diocese," was referred to this Board to consider the same, and report to the Convention now in session. The Board accordingly appointed a Committee to give the subject mature examination, and the result of their deliberations, approved by the Board is, that it is not expedient, at the present time, to act at all upon the subject. The principal ground of the decision is, that the number of churches already erected, which are in an embarrassed state, and others now in progress, require aid to such an extent as renders it hopeless to attempt to raise funds for prospective efforts.

Such is a rapid summary of the proceedings of the Board since its last report.

The results already developed, furnish cause for high encouragement.

The permanent establishment of such Churches as those at Andover, Charlestown and Springfield alone, within so short a period, gives abundant evidence of success.

And at several other points where the operations of the Board still continue, there is reasonable ground to expect similar results.

The Churches at Worcester, Northampton, Cambridgeport, Chelsea, Stockbridge and Fall River, give promise of acquiring, at no distant day, sufficient strength to dispense with missionary aid. In a few instances there is little hope of such a result. But the amount required in these cases is comparatively small, and the Board have not felt willing to withhold appropriations to aid those little bands of worshippers, struggling to sustain the services of the Church, where they will be most highly prized, and exert a favorable influence upon the community.

The prospect before us invites far more extended measures than have yet been within the power of this Board. Favorable openings for the services of ministers of our Church appear in all parts of our Diocese. Some of her members are scattered in

most of the larger towns and villages of the State, who earnestly desire her ministrations.

Nothing but the limited means placed at the disposal of the Board, prevents a much wider extension of their operations.

The signs of the times in the religious world, also call for more efficient exertions in the work of diffusing a knowledge of our Church throughout the community. Extreme ignorance, in regard to her system, doctrines, and spirit, prevails; and by this, violent prejudices are nurtured. These are now appealed to with unprecedented bitterness, and every weapon, whether of argument or passion, is wielded to arrest her course. By these attacks, by recent events among ourselves, and by the constant disorders and changes in leading denominations around us, a spirit of earnest inquiry is awakened, and pervades the great body of the community.

This crisis should be fully met, not by counter attacks, and similar violence; but by a distinct and practical exhibition of the Church, as she appears in her own services, and standards of doctrine. To the great numbers, who on every side are now inquiring into her principles, or looking towards her fold, we have only to present faithfully the Church herself, in her scriptural services, and apostolic faith and order, to meet this general and indiscriminate attack. Our present work is not to attract attention to her system, for this is already awake; but simply to supply the demand for a knowledge of the claims and practical working of that system.

Besides these considerations, arising from the violent opposition, and gross misrepresentation, by which our Church is now assailed; there are other reasons of permanent influence, why we should engage with greater energy in the work of missions within our own State. Large multitudes in the community still remain ignorant of the gospel of their Saviour, and seldom enter the Church of God. All our large towns present a wide field for strictly missionary labor, among those who live in total neglect of the Lord's Day, and of every Christian institution. Amidst the light of the gospel, thousands grow up almost as ignorant of its truths, as if born in heathen lands.

Wide then is the field, great the work before us; and most weighty are the motives which should prompt us to enter upon

it with renewed faith and zeal. May the extension of the Redeemer's kingdom, as well within the borders of our own State, as in distant parts of our country and in foreign lands, become the object of our more earnest labors and prayers.

In behalf of the Board.

CHARLES MASON, *Secretary.*

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Edson,

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed, to whom shall be referred that part of the Bishop's Address which relates to the subject of Church-Building.

The Chair appointed the Rev. Mr. Edson, the Hon. Edward A. Newton, and James Barnes, Esq.

The Treasurer of the Convention presented his Annual Report,* which was referred to the Committee of Finance.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Clark,

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed, to whom shall be referred that part of the Bishop's Address which relates to the missionary operations of the Diocese.

The Chair appointed the Rev. Drs. Strong and Clark, and Mr. Ira Warren.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Wells,

Resolved, That to-morrow morning at 11 o'clock, the Convention proceed to the election of a Standing Committee, Board of Missions, and Delegates to the General Convention.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Convention now adjourn, to meet to-morrow morning, at 9 o'clock.

Trinity Church, Thursday, June 13, 9 *o'clock, A. M.*

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment. Morning Prayer was read by the Rev. Amos D. McCoy, Rector of St. Luke's Church, Lowell; after which, the Bishop having taken the Chair, the Secretary called the roll of

* See Appendix.

the Clergy and Lay Delegates entitled to seats, and the Convention proceeded to business.

The minutes of the preceding day were read, and approved.

The Rev. Mr. Edson, from the Committee on that part of the Bishop's Address which refers to the subject of building churches, presented the following

Report:

Whereas, by Divine Providence, the exigency of the Church seems to require more systematic and discriminating efforts to provide houses suitable for the worship of God, and the ministration of his word and sacraments within the limits of this Diocese, as well as to render judicious assistance to such parishes as in the discharge of this duty may have become involved in pecuniary embarrassments; — and

Whereas, the organization by this Convention of a Board of Missions, acting under its authority now for several years in that department of benevolence, has proved successful and satisfactory; — therefore

Resolved, That this Convention now proceed to elect a Board of Commissioners for Church Extension in the Diocese of Massachusetts, — to consist of three clergymen and three laymen, of which Board the Bishop shall be *ex officio* President: said Board to be organized with Treasurer and Secretary, and to make annual report to this Convention.

Resolved, That the charity hereby contemplated be cordially commended to the affections and devotions of the people, that they be requested to make this Board a medium of their contributions, and that those whose needs come within its scope be invited to address themselves to its proper organs.

For the Committee.

THEODORE EDSON, *Chairman.*

The report was adopted.

On motion,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to make arrangements for a public meeting this evening, for the pur-

pose of presenting this subject to the attention of the community.

The Chair appointed the Rev. Messrs. Edson and Butler, and B. Howard, Esq.

The Rev. Dr. Strong, in behalf of the Committee of Finance, reported that they recommend the printing of fifteen hundred copies of the Journal of this Convention; and also, that the travelling expenses of such clergymen as are reported to the Treasurer, be paid out of the Contingent Fund.

The report was adopted.

The Rev. Mr. Ballard, from the Committee of Qualification, reported that in the judgment of said Committee, the Rev. John P. Robinson is not entitled to the right of membership in this Convention; and that at the same time they would express their deep regret at the proceedings of the parish of Christ Church, Quincy, which have resulted in his loss of a seat in this Convention.

On motion,

Resolved, That the consideration of this subject be deferred till after the election of the Standing Committee, Board of Missions, and Delegates to the General Convention.

The Treasurer of the Episcopal Fund made a Report,* which was ordered to be entered on the Journal.

The Rev. Dr. Boyle presented a report of the Committee appointed at a preceding Convention, in reference to Christ Church, Cambridge, which was as follows:

Report.

The Committee on the subject of Christ Church, Cambridge, report, that they have paid the sum of $1300, received by them for subscriptions, to the Wardens of said Church; which has been applied by the said Wardens, agreeably to the intention of the donors, to the purchase of a lot of land, and the erection of a

* See Appendix.

parsonage-house on the same. It is understood, that $100 subscribed by the late Edward Tuckerman, Esq., will be paid by his executor to the Committee; and when received, will be added to the amount already paid to the Wardens of Christ Church, making the whole sum $1400. The Wardens of said Church have also appropriated $1600 for the house, by a vote of the parish, from monies held by them in trust for the benefit of the Church. In addition to this, $310 have been contributed by the ladies of the parish for the completion of the building, which is a convenient and substantial edifice of wood, and being now finished, is occupied by the rector of the Church. A deed of the premises has been given by Orrin Hall to the Wardens, and recorded, "to have and to hold forever to the said Episcopal society," so denominated in the act of incorporation by which the Wardens are made trustees of the funds of said Church.

Respectfully submitted by

ISAAC BOYLE,
ALFRED L. BAURY,
NICHOLAS HOPPIN,
HENRY CODMAN,
} *Committee.*

The report was adopted.

The Secretary communicated to the Convention a Circular* from the Rt. Rev. Bishop Doane, Chairman of the Committee of the General Board of Missions, to whom was referred the subject of an Indian Mission, and the recognition of the Indian Territory as a distinct Episcopal Charge, under the title of the "Indian Diocese."

On motion,

Resolved, That the same be referred to a committee of three, to report to this Convention.

The Chair appointed the Rev. Mr. Ballard, the Hon. E. A. Newton, and William Appleton, Esq.

The time appointed for the election of a Standing Committee, Board of Missions, and Delegates to the General Convention, having arrived, the Convention proceeded to elect the Standing Committee.

* See Appendix A.

The Rev. Mr. Clinch, and the Hon. Mr. Newton were appointed by the Bishop to receive and canvass the votes; who, having attended to that duty, reported that the Convention had made choice of the following gentlemen:

Standing Committee.

CLERGY.	LAITY.
The Rev. Alexander H. Vinton, D. D.	George M. Dexter, Esq.,
" " John Woart,	Edward S. Rand, Jr. Esq.,
" " George M. Randall.	Otis Daniell, Esq.

The Convention then proceeded to the election of a Board of Missions. The Bishop appointed the Rev. Messrs. Clinch, Howe, and Lambert, and the Hon. Mr. Newton, a committee to receive and canvass the votes.

A division was called for, and the Convention voted by orders.

The Rev. Dr. Strong, from the Committee of Finance, made a report recommending the adoption of the report of the Treasurer of the Convention, which was accepted.

The Rev. Mr. Howe, in behalf of the Trustees of the Society for the Relief of the Widows and Orphans of deceased Clergymen of the Diocese, presented the following report, which was adopted:

Report.

The Trustees of the "Society for the Relief of the Widows and Orphans of deceased Clergymen," in conformity with one of the Articles of their Constitution, present the following report of their proceedings during the past year, to the Convention of the Church in this Diocese.

There have been received into the Treasury of this Society, since its actual commencement, June, 1840, up to the 5th of the present month, two thousand two hundred and forty dollars and eighty-six cents. Of this sum, $527 89 are invested in the Boston Institution for Savings; $1000 is loaned on mortgage on real estate in this city; $600 are invested in the Mas-

sachusetts Life Insurance and Hospital Fund; $23 10 have been expended for incidental charges since November, 1841; and there is a balance now in the hands of the Treasurer, uninvested, amounting to $89 87.

This Society is modelled, in some degree, after the Life Insurance plan. It is not a corporation for promiscuous charity to the destitute families of deceased clergymen. Its tenth Article provides, that "the charity shall be confined to the widows and children of those clergymen who have continued members of this Society to the time of their decease; and who have died in the communion of the Protestant Episcopal Church." For such claimants it provides, after a fixed rule of proportion, in the words written in its fourth Article: "The widows and children of deceased clergymen who shall have paid the sum of $5, or the sum of $10 annually, shall be entitled to an annuity of five times the amount of such annual subscription, for twice the number of years during which it has been paid." It is an incorporated society, which can be held at law, if need were, to the fulfilment of these terms. He who shall invest in it according to the letter of these articles, makes positive provision for his family in the stipulated amount, after his decease; and they may seek it, not as petitioners for uncertain charity, but as claimants of entrusted property. To contributors of smaller annual amounts, it is related only as a charitable society, bound to do for those destitute families according to its ability, after the fulfilment of its contracts with others. Through the good providence of God, none of its clerical members have yet been removed by death, save one — the late Rev. Dr. Morss — through whose influence mainly it was at first organized, and to whose liberality and efforts, with others, it is indebted for bequests which constitute nearly the whole of its permanent fund.

Constituted as this Society is, and by its incorporation rendered liable for the faithful execution of its trusts, it seems strange that so few of the clergy of the Diocese have availed themselves of its Treasury, to deposite a little sum which promises such increase for the future benefit of their families. And if in any cases the inclination to do so has been hindered by pecuniary inability, how small an effort in the poorest parish would enable it to invest for the benefit of the rector's family, an annual contribution of ten

dollars! It would be some alleviation to the privation of a poor missionary's life, whose annual stipend is hardly enough to meet his immediate wants, to feel that his household would not be left utterly penniless, on his removal from the world. And could there be a more worthy object commended to the attention of members of the Church, who, in making disposition of their worldly goods, are inclined by God's grace to bequeath something to the relief of the destitute and the furtherance of the Redeemer's cause and kingdom?

These facts and suggestions are respectfully submitted to the attention of the clergy and parishes of this Diocese.

M. A. DeWolfe Howe,

Boston, June 12th. *For the Trustees.*

The Rev. Mr. Greenleaf, from the Committee on Unfinished Business, reported the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That in the opinion of this Convention, it is expedient for the General Convention to adopt the proposed Tenth Article* of the Constitution of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, and also the proposed alteration in the Institution Office.

The Rev. Dr. Vinton, from the Committee appointed at the last Convention, to revise the Constitution, and to propose such amendments thereof as may be necessary, and to whom was referred the report of the Committee on the third Article of the Constitution, and of the Committee on the Rules of Order, made a partial report as follows:

Report.

The Committee appointed at the last Convention to revise the Constitution, and to propose such amendments thereof as may be necessary, and to whom were referred the report of the Committee on the third Article of the Constitution, and of the Committee on the Rules of Order, report the following Constitution:

* See Appendix B.

CONSTITUTION OF THE PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN THE DIOCESE OF MASSACHUSETTS.

ART. I. The Protestant Episcopal Church in Massachusetts, as a constituent part of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, accedes to, recognizes and adopts the Constitution and Canons of the said Church, and acknowledges their authority.

ART. II. There shall be a stated Convention of the Church in this Diocese on the second Wednesday of June, in each year, in the city of Boston, at such hour and place as shall be appointed by the Bishop, or, in case the Episcopate be vacant, by the Standing Committee.

Special Conventions may be called by the Bishop, with the advice and consent of the Standing Committee; and in case of a vacancy in the Episcopate, by the Standing Committee. Notice of such special Convention shall be given by a circular letter to each of the Churches in union with the Convention, not less than four weeks before the day appointed for the meeting of the same. And at such special Conventions no business shall be transacted, other than is specified in the notice calling the same.

ART. III. The Convention shall be composed of the following persons:

1st. The Bishop of the Diocese, and the Assistant Bishop, if there be one.

2d. Every Presbyter canonically resident within the Diocese, and canonically instituted as the Rector, Associated Rector, or Assistant Minister of some Church, Parish, or Congregation within the Diocese, and in union with this Convention.

3d. Every Presbyter who shall, for the term of six calendar months next preceding the meeting of the Convention, have been actually, as well as canonically, resident within the Diocese, and engaged in the regular performance of clerical duties, under the direction, or by the permission of the ecclesiastical authority of the same.

4th. Every Presbyter actually, as well as canonically, resident within the Diocese for the term of six calendar months next preceding the meeting of the Convention, and officiating in the same as a missionary duly appointed or recognized by the ecclesiastical authority of the Diocese, or as a Chaplain in any public benevo-

lent institution, or in the army or navy of the United States, or as a President, Professor, Tutor, or Instructor in any college, academy, or seminary of learning; or as the Treasurer or Secretary of the Convention, duly elected in accordance with the provisions of this Constitution.

5th. The Lay Delegates of the several parishes in the Diocese in union with the Convention, not exceeding *three* from each parish, who shall, at the time of their election, be members of the parish for which they are elected. The evidence of their election shall be a certificate of the fact, signed by the Wardens, or Warden, or by the Parish Clerk.

No Clergyman, who has been at any time entitled to a seat and vote in the Convention, shall be divested of such privilege by reason of advanced years, infirm health, or absence from the Diocese for a less period than one year.

ART. IV. The Bishop shall be, ex officio, President of the Convention, and as such presiding officer shall have all the rights, and exercise the same powers, usually had and exercised by the presiding officers of parliamentary and legislative bodies, and none other.

In case of the absence of the Bishop, the Assistant Bishop, if there be one, shall preside; and in case there shall be neither Bishop or Assistant Bishop, a president shall be chosen from among the clerical members.

ART. V. Parishes may, by a vote of the Convention, be admitted into union with it, on presenting evidence in writing, under the authority of the Wardens and Vestry, that they are duly organized, and that they accede to the Constitution and Canons of the Church in this Diocese. Any Parish in union with the Convention, which shall violate any article of the Constitution or any Canon of the Church, or shall refuse submission to the ecclesiastical authorities of the Diocese, may be excluded from the Convention upon a vote of two thirds of the members voting by orders.

ART. VI. The members of the Convention present at the opening and organizing of the same, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. The Clergy and Laity shall sit and deliberate as one body, and each member of the Convention shall be entitled to one vote — except upon a division by orders, in which case the Lay Delegation from each Parish shall be entitled

to but one vote, and a concurrence of both orders shall be necessary. Such division shall be had whenever called for by any three Clergymen, or the Delegations from any three Parishes.

ART. VII. The other officers of the Convention shall consist of a Secretary and Treasurer, who shall be chosen by ballot at each Annual Convention, and shall continue in office until the next Convention, and until others are chosen in their stead. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep a record of the doings of the Convention — to preserve its Journals and Records — and to deliver into the hands of his successor all books, documents and papers relating to the concerns of the Convention, which may be in his hands, and to do all such other acts and things as are or may be prescribed by the Canons of the General Convention or of this Diocese.

It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive and manage all moneys and funds which may at any time belong to the Convention — and to lay before the Convention in each year an account of the same, and of all receipts and payments during the preceding year.

ART. VIII. The Standing Committee of the Diocese shall be elected by ballot at the Annual Convention, and shall consist of six members, three Clergymen and three Laymen. They shall remain in office until the next Convention, and until a new Committee shall have been chosen. They shall keep a record of their doings, and shall report the same annually to the Convention. A majority shall constitute a quorum, except for those purposes for which the Canons of the General Convention require a larger number. And in case of a vacancy occurring in their body, the remaining members shall have power to fill the same.

ART. IX. At each Annual Convention next preceding the meeting of the General Convention, there shall be an election by ballot of four Clerical and of four Lay Deputies to the General Convention, who shall remain in office for three years, or until others are elected in their stead; but any vacancy shall be filled at the intermediate Annual Conventions. And it shall be the duty of each Deputy elect to signify to the Standing Committee, at least one month previous to the meeting of the Convention, his acceptance of the office, and his intention to attend the meeting of the Convention. In default

neglecting to give notice, shall be considered as declining; and the Standing Committee shall thereupon fill the vacancies thus occurring, as also any other vacancies happening from any cause at any time subsequently to the meeting of the Annual Convention in each year, and before the meeting of the General Convention; and the persons thus appointed shall have all the power and authority of deputies duly elected by the Convention.

ART. X. Whenever the Episcopate shall become vacant, the Standing Committee shall call a Special Convention, to be held at such time and place as they may appoint, within three months after such vacancy shall have occurred, and shall give written notice of the same to each parish in union with the Convention, at least four weeks previous to the time appointed for such meeting. And the Convention thus assembled, may proceed to the election of a Bishop, or make such other provision as they may deem expedient for the Episcopal supervision of the Diocese.

ART. XI. The election of a Bishop shall be had in the following manner: The two orders having separated, the clergy shall nominate, by ballot, a person for that office — and their choice shall be made known to the order of Lay Delegates, and if the same shall be confirmed by them, voting in like manner, by ballot, the person so nominated shall be declared to be duly elected.

ART. XII. All elections shall be by ballot, except when otherwise ordered by the Convention, upon a vote of two thirds of the members present.

ART. XIII. The entire charge and control of all missionary operations within the Diocese, and of all means and measures which shall be taken and adopted by the Church within this Diocese, in its collective capacity, for its increase and enlargement, by the founding of new churches, or affording aid to feeble parishes, shall be committed to a Board of Missions, consisting of the Bishop and four Clerical and four Lay members. The said Board shall designate all missionary stations, appoint the missionaries, and determine the amount of their several salaries, so far as paid by the Board. They shall have the control and disbursement of all funds and moneys contributed for the support of Missions within the Diocese, except so far as the appropriation of the same shall be made by the donors. They shall also be, and are hereby, constituted an auxiliary to the General Board of Missions.

and the Agent of the Church in the furtherance and promotion of all missionary operations of every kind and description; and it shall be their duty to apply and transmit all funds and moneys contributed for such purposes, to the proper officers of the Domestic and Foreign Committees of the General Board, or to such other persons, or in such other manner as the donors may direct; and the said Board shall in no case assume or have the control of any such funds or moneys, except such as are unappropriated by the donors.

The Bishop shall be, ex officio, President of the Board. The Clerical and Lay members shall be chosen by ballot at each Annual Convention, and shall continue in office one year, and until others are elected in their stead. The Board shall make full report of their doings at each Annual Convention.

ART. XIV. The charge and control of all measures and plans adopted and undertaken for the extension of the Church in this Diocese, by the erection of new churches, or the repair and maintenance of decayed and dilapidated churches, shall be committed to a Board of Commissioners, which shall have the management of all funds contributed for that object, and shall direct the application of the same subject, in all cases, to the expressed will of the donors. And it shall be the duty of all parishes, about to undertake the erection or enlargement of a church, or the repair or alteration of any dilapidated church whenever the whole amount required therefor shall not have been raised by; or given to, the said parish, and actually paid in or secured, to advise with the said Board, and to submit to its consideration the proposed object and all the plans and estimates connected there with.

The Bishop shall be, ex officio, a member of the said Board, and President thereof. The other members shall be three Clerical and three Lay members, who shall be chosen by ballot at the Annual Convention next preceding the meeting of the General Convention, and who shall hold their offices three years, and until others are elected in their stead. And vacancies occurring in the said Board, may be filled at any intermediate Convention; and until such intermediate Convention, by the remaining members.

ART. XV. At each Annual Convention preceding the meeting of the General Convention, there shall be chosen by ballot, Trustees of the General Theological Seminary, who shall hold their

offices for three years, and until others are elected in their stead. And it shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Convention to certify to the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies of the General Convention the fact of their election.

ART. XVI. Canons for the government of the Church may be passed, and rules of order for the conducting of business may be adopted, from time to time, by the Convention. But no proposed alteration or addition to any Canons passed by the Convention, shall be considered by the Convention, unless at least one day's previous notice shall be given thereof in open Convention; nor, unless by unanimous consent, until such alterations shall have been referred to, and reported upon, by a Committee of at least two Presbyters and two Laymen. Nor shall such alteration or addition be adopted during the same Convention, unless two thirds of the votes of both orders taken separately shall concur therein; but such proposed alteration or addition, unless rejected by a majority of the members present, shall lie over for consideration until the next Annual Convention, when it may be passed by a majority.

ART. XVII. This Constitution shall not be subject to any alteration except at the annual meeting of the Convention; nor unless the alteration proposed shall have been made and submitted in writing at the annual meeting previous to its adoption.

All which is respectfully submitted.

A. H. VINTON,
P. H. GREENLEAF,
E. M. P. WELLS,
EDWARD S. RAND, Jr.,
GEO. M. DEXTER.

June 12th, 1844.

Benjamin Howard, Esq., Treasurer of the Trustees of Donations, made a report,* which was accepted.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Convention proceed to the election of Commissioners for Church Extension, and that a committee be appointed to nominate suitable persons for that office.

* See Appendix.

The Chair appointed the Rev. Mr. Edson and Mr. S. H. P. Lee, Jr.

The nominating committee having reported, the following gentlemen were elected Commissioners for Church Extension.

CLERGY.	LAITY.
The Rev. Alexander H. Vinton, D.D.,	William Appleton, Esq.
" " Theodore Edson,	George C. Shattuck, Jr., M.D.,
" " Charles Mason.	George M. Dexter, Esq.

The Rev. Dr. Strong, from the Committee on that part of the Bishop's Address, which relates to the Missionary operations of the Diocese, reported, that the whole subject being in the hands of the Board of Missions, no measures in reference to the same need be taken by the Convention.

The report was adopted.

Mr. Pelham W. Bonney, a Lay Delegate from St. Andrew's Church, Hanover, asked and obtained leave of absence for the remainder of the session.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Convention proceed to the election of a Treasurer for the ensuing year, and that, in this election, balloting be dispensed with.

The Rev. Isaac Boyle, D. D., having been nominated, was unanimously re-elected.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Convention proceed to the election of a committee for the publication of Tracts, according to a resolution adopted at the last Convention.

The Rev. Messrs. Wells, Butler, and Mason, and the Hon. Simon Greenleaf and J. S. C. Greene, Esq., were elected.

The Committee appointed to receive and canvass the votes for the Board of Missions, reported the following persons as elected:

Board of Missions.

CLERGY.	LAITY.
The Rev. Alexander H. Vinton, D. D.,	William Appleton, Esq.,
" " Charles Mason,	Benj. P. Richardson, Esq.,
" " Henry W. Lee,	Benjamin Howard, Esq.
" " Clement M. Butler,	
" " John L. Watson,	
" " Thomas R. Lambert,	
" " Nathaniel T. Bent.	

The Rev. Mr. Ballard, from the Committee to whom was referred the circular from the Rt. Rev. Bishop Doane, respecting the Indian Mission, reported the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That this Convention highly approve of the plan of the General Board of Missions as contemplated in the communication made to this Convention.

James Barnes, Esq., a Lay Delegate from Christ Church, Springfield, asked and obtained leave of absence for the remainder of the session.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Convention now adjourn, to meet at 4 o'clock, P. M.

Thursday, June 13,
4 *o'clock, P. M.*

The Convention met according to adjournment.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Convention proceed to the election of Delegates to the General Convention.

The Chair appointed the Rev. Messrs. Randall and Searle, Ira Cleveland, Esq., and Dr. E. H. Robbins, to receive and canvass the votes.

A division was called for, and the Convention voted by orders.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Convention now take a recess of fifteen minutes, in order to afford an opportunity for a

meeting of the Society for the Relief of the Widows and Orphans of deceased Clergymen, in the Diocese of Massachusetts.

After which, the Convention came to order, and proceeded to business.

Dr. Francis Clarke, a Lay Delegate from Christ Church, Andover, asked and obtained leave of absence for the remainder of the session.

The Committee appointed to receive and canvass the votes for Delegates to the General Convention, reported that the Convention had elected the Rev. Titus Strong, D. D., and the Rev. Theodore Edson, of the Clergy, and the Hon. Edward A. Newton and William Appleton, Esq., of the Laity; and that there were four vacancies.

The Convention proceeded to ballot for four additional Delegates to the General Convention, and after three trials, there being no choice, it was

On motion,

Resolved, That the Convention now adjourn, to meet to-morrow morning, at 9 o'clock.

Trinity Church, Friday, June 14, 9 *o'clock, A. M.*

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment. Morning Prayer was read by the Rev. Thomas R. Lambert, Rector of Grace Church, New Bedford; after which, the Bishop having taken the Chair, the Secretary called the roll of the Clergy and Lay Delegates entitled to seats, and the Convention proceeded to business.

The minutes of the preceding day were read, and, after some amendments, approved.

Dr. E. H. Robbins submitted a resolution, that in voting further for Delegates to the General Convention balloting be dispensed with; and that the Rev. Patrick H. Greenleaf and the Rev. Edward Ballard, of the Clergy, and Charles R. Codman, Esq. and Edward S. Rand, Esq., of the Laity, be proposed to the Convention as candidates to fill the existing vacancies.

The first part of the resolution was adopted; and

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Howe, it was then

Resolved, That the nomination be made by the Chair.

The Chair having proposed the same gentlemen, they were elected by the Convention; and the names of the following persons were then announced as the Delegates to the next General Convention:

Delegates to the General Convention.

CLERGY.	LAITY.
The Rev. T. Strong, D. D.,	The Hon. Edward A. Newton,
" " Theodore Edson,	William Appleton, Esq.,
" " Patrick H. Greenleaf,	Charles R. Codman, Esq.,
" " Edward Ballard.	Edward S. Rand, Esq.

On motion,

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to ascertain and report what vacancies exist in the Board of Trustees of the General Theological Seminary, from this Diocese.

The Chair appointed the Rev. Messrs. Ballard and Woart; who reported that there was one vacancy, occasioned by the removal from the Diocese of the Rev. Samuel Fuller, D. D.

The Chair having been requested to nominate a person to fill the vacancy, the Rev. Clement M. Butler was elected by the Convention.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Convention proceed to the election of Trustees of the General Theological Seminary; and that the Chair be requested to nominate candidates for the same.

The Chair having made a nomination, the following gentlemen were elected by the Convention, *viva voce*:

Trustees of the General Theological Seminary.

CLERGY.	LAITY.
The Rev. A. H. Vinton, D. D.	The Hon. E. A. Newton,
" " Theodore Edson,	J. S. C. Greene, Esq.
" " Edward Ballard,	
" " John L. Watson,	
" " Charles Mason,	
" " Clement M. Butler.	

John Edson, Esq., a Delegate from Trinity Church, Bridgewater, and Major Rossiter, a Delegate from St. James's Church, Great Barrington, asked and obtained leave of absence for the remainder of the session.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Newton,

Resolved, That the Standing Committee be authorized and required to fill any vacancy that may occur, from any cause, in the Delegation to the General Convention.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Vinton,

Resolved, That the Standing Committee have authority to fill any vacancies occurring in that body.

On motion of B. Howard, Esq.,

Resolved, That in case the Board of Missions shall at any time desire to elect to the office of Treasurer a person who is not a member thereof, said Board is hereby authorized so to do; and such Treasurer shall be, *ex officio*, a member of the same.

On motion of the same,

Resolved, That a Committee of two be appointed to audit the accounts of the Treasurer of the Board of Missions.

The Chair appointed the Rev. Dr. Eaton and W. Raymond Lee, Esq.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Mason, the Canon of 1843, respecting the increase of the Episcopal Fund, was amended, as follows:

Amendment of the Canon of 1843, *respecting the increase of the Episcopal Fund.*

In every parish in this Diocese, a collection shall be annually made on Trinity Sunday, and paid over to the Treasurer of the Trustees of Donations to the Protestant Episcopal Church in this Commonwealth, to be added to the permanent fund for the support of the Bishop of this Diocese; and the said Treasurer shall report annually to this Convention, the amount by him received from each parish.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Greenleaf,

Resolved, That the several parishes in this Diocese be requested to make annual collections for the Society for the Relief of the Widows and Orphans of deceased Clergymen.

The Rev. Samuel P. Parker, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Stockbridge, and Mr. William W. Lee, a delegate from Christ Church, Springfield, asked and obtained leave of absence for the remainder of the session.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Board of Commissioners for Church Extension be authorized to fill any vacancies which may occur in that body.

The report of the Committee of Qualification, respecting the right of the Rev. Mr. Robinson to a seat in the Convention, was taken up and adopted.

The Minutes of the Convention having been read, amended, and approved, it was,

On motion,

Resolved, That, after prayers by the Bishop, the Convention adjourn *sine die*.

Adjourned accordingly.

Attest, HENRY W. LEE, *Secretary*.

APPENDIX.

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

Suffolk County.

Trinity Church, Boston.

THE BISHOP OF THE DIOCESE, Rector.

THE REV. JOHN L. WATSON, Assistant Minister on the Greene Foundation.

Baptisms, (infants,) 23. Marriages, 11. Burials, 22. Confirmed, 32. Communicants, about 370. A quarterly missionary collection has been commenced in the parish since the last Convention. The Ladies' Missionary Association continues to be active and efficient. And the Rector has reason to thank God for the liberality with which many members of the parish have contributed, during the past year, to the numerous objects of Christian benevolence which have been presented to their attention. The Sunday school is in a flourishing state; and is examined every Sunday afternoon by the Rector, after divine service. The children of the school, and other children of the parish, are catechized in the Church on the last Sunday of every month.

Christ Church, Boston.

THE REV. JOHN WOART, Rector.

Baptisms, (children 61, adults 3,) 64. Persons confirmed, 4. Burials, 15. Marriages, 22. Marriages last year, omitted in the report, 20. Communicants added, 17; total, 258. Sunday school: school No. 1, teachers 16, scholars 93; school No. 2, teachers 4, scholars 86. This department, composed of very young children, is taught principally by the superintendent, who gives general instruction to the whole school. Money paid through the missionary association of the parish, $878 66. By the Young Ladies' Missionary Association, $63. Communion collections, $112 26.

It was the Rector's intention to defer the annual confirmation until after the Convention. As the Bishop was to preach on the evening of June 9, however, notice was given on the morning of that day, of the fact, and the number of persons named above was presented. It is expected that another confirmation will soon be held.

The past year has been one of liberality in this congregation. We trust we have not been without our spiritual blessings.

St. Paul's Church, Boston.

THE REV. A. H. VINTON, D. D., Rector.

There have been in this parish during the year, baptisms, (infant 17, adult 8,) 25. Number confirmed, 28. Added to communion, 30. Present number of communicants, 370. Marriages, 7. Deaths, 14. Charitable donations, $10,000.

Grace Church, Boston.

THE REV. CLEMENT M. BUTLER, Rector.

The present Rector was instituted May 24, by the Bishop of the Diocese, and entered at once upon the duties of his charge. The statistics of the services performed in the parish by the late Rector, by the Clergymen who officiated after his removal, and

by the present Rector, are as follows. Baptisms, (adult 1, infant 22,) 23. Burials, 7. Marriages, 5. The present number of communicants is 248. Contributions for missionary and other charitable purposes within the year, have been about $1,200.

The number of communicants reported this year, it will be observed, is considerably less than that reported last year. This is owing in part to the establishment of the Church of the Messiah, with which a number of persons from Grace Church have connected themselves, and in part to the loss of the former beloved and devoted Rector of the Parish.

Church of the Messiah, Boston.

THE REV. GEORGE M. RANDALL, Rector.

This parish was organized in September last. Several individuals, deeply interested in the prosperity of the Church, believing that there was not only ample room, but an actual demand for an Episcopal Church in the southern section of the city, with a truly commendable zeal, resolved, in humble reliance upon Him, without whose aid our best efforts are but vain, to supply this want. A large new hall, at the corner of Washington and Common streets, was rented, and fitted up with every convenience for the due performance of divine service, having a sufficient number of seats to accommodate four hundred persons, an organ, and a spacious vestry-room.

A very flourishing Sunday school was opened after the organization of the parish, and is now in successful operation, having about one hundred scholars and twenty teachers. The Rev. Mr. Sabine was requested to officiate for this infant parish, which he continued to do, with much acceptance, until the Rector entered upon his duties, which was on the fifth Sunday after Easter. The list of communicants numbers *fifty-one*. The present prospects of the parish are such as to afford cheering promise, that with the divine blessing upon faithful, prayerful, persevering labor, we may see, at some future day, a large and flourishing parish, where many souls may be gathered into the fold of Christ.

St. Matthew's Church, South Boston.

THE REV. JOSEPH H. CLINCH, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 36, adults 3,) 39. Communicants: added, 32; died or removed, 11; present number, 70. Confirmed, 19. Marriages, 12. Burials, 31. Sunday school scholars, 93. Missionary contributions: General Board, $34; Massachusetts Board, $18; other contributions for religious purposes: City Mission, $5 50; Easter collection was paid to the Massachusetts Board; communion collections, $66 30; repairs and alterations of the church, $116; total, $239 80.

The Rector is happy in being able to announce the present state of this parish as more prosperous than at any previous period within his knowledge. The statistics, compared with those of the last conventional year, exhibit an unprecedented increase, partly attributable to the increased population of the 12th ward, and partly to other causes not necessary to specify. Since Christmas, the pews in the Church have all been regularly occupied, and the general attendance upon the services from one third to one half larger than the former average.

To the Right Rev. the Bishop of Massachusetts:

Although I discontinued my connection as Rector of the School for Moral Discipline, on the 1st of September, 1843, yet I continued my duties there, until, by your direction, I commenced them as City Missionary, on the first Sunday in Advent, at the chapel in Washington street. By direction of the Society, the services were discontinued there on the third Sunday in Advent, and united with those at Trinity Hall. Although but few of the then worshippers removed to that hall, yet it soon became full, and has so continued.

I have held three services on Sunday, in a few instances receiving the kind aid of my brethren at the third service. During Lent, we had Morning Prayers on Wednesdays and Fridays, and during Passion week, daily service and a lecture.

Since Advent I have performed 85 regular services, and had 14 performed by others. Administered the communion 11

times. Baptized 15, (1 adult). Catechized "openly in the church" five times, (22 having learned the whole Church Catechism.) I have made 822 visits, (at 78 of which had prayers,) to 203 families, 91 of which are connected with Trinity Hall, among which are 78 communicants — the number having increased four fold; 18 have been confirmed, and 13 more are now on the eve of being confirmed. I have attended 9 funerals. There have been during this period collections for religious purposes, $57 22, chiefly for missions; $16 23 of which are by the Sunday school, for Foreign Missions. I have received from various individuals, as published, $190 27 for the relief of the poor, and have given to the poor $300 19.

E. M. P. Wells.

St. Luke's Church, Chelsea.

The Rev. W. S. Bartlet, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 3, adults 0,) 3. Communicants: added, 7; died or removed, 10; present number, 38. Confirmed, 3. Marriages, 2. Burials, 3. Sunday scholars, 30. Missionary contributions: General Board, $12 50, (including $2 50 Christmas contribution by children of Sunday school;) Massachusetts Board, $7 65. Other contributions for religious purposes: monthly missionary collection, $14 55, retained by Rector by request of Wardens and Vestry, as it was contributed for his benefit; $3 85, by children of Sunday school, to purchase a library for themselves.

The parish has obtained from R. Upjohn, Esq., architect of Trinity Church, New York, the plan of a small modern church, of a capacity to accommodate a little over 250 persons.

A favorable contract for the building of the same has been made, the church to be completed by 1st November next. The church and land is estimated at $3,500, of which sum $2,700, it is supposed, is received. If our friends in other places will furnish the residue, the church will be free from any debt, and the prospects of gathering a congregation of respectable size will be good.

Norfolk County.

St. Paul's Church, Dedham.

THE REV. S. B. BABCOCK, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants,) 6. Communicants: added, 3; died or removed, 2; present number, 41. Marriages, 1. Confirmed, 2. Burials, 4. Sunday scholars, 40.

St. James's Church, Roxbury.

THE REV. M. A. DEWOLFE HOWE, Rector.

Since the last annual Convention, the Rector has baptized in this parish 15, one an adult; has attended 6 funerals; and solemnized 4 marriages. Communicants: died or removed, 22; added, 18; present number, 139. The Sunday school has 13 teachers, and 70 scholars.

The missionary contributions have amounted to $126 21 to the Foreign, and $69 44 to the Domestic Department of the General Board; $21 were contributed towards the erection of Bishop Griswold's monument; $60 towards the relief of Kenyon College; $25 for the benefit of the Sunday school; other contributions for religious and charitable objects, $113 24; total, $414 89.

By a great effort among the people of this parish, and the generous aid of friends of the Church in Boston, the church debt has been greatly reduced, and the parish rendered secure in the possession of their church, and happy in its occupancy. About $700 has been recently expended in cleansing and finishing the interior of the church; and it is now one of the most appropriate and beautiful in the Diocese. Five hundred dollars of this sum were raised by the ladies, whose Christian zeal and activity are untiring. The suspension of the labors of the Rector during the autumn and early part of the winter, by reason of ill-health, and the closing of the church during the progress of recent repairs, has rendered the amount of pastoral instruction less than is here usually bestowed. To this circumstance is to be attributed the postponement of the annual confirmation. We hope to enjoy a

visitation of the Bishop, and to have this rite administered in our church in the month of July.

The children have been catechized in the church several times; regular Evening Prayers having been read, and this exercise substituted for the afternoon sermon. Parents and other adults have attended, in numbers scarce less than on ordinary occasions. It is believed that the opportunity thus afforded to hear the elementary truths of the gospel unfolded and familiarly explained, is not less profitable to the old than to the young.

It is believed that the spiritual advancement of this parish has been, in past years, much retarded by the state of its temporal affairs. Now that God has been pleased to give us relief from our financial embarrassments, it is our earnest prayer that we may be built up a spiritual house, and that our souls may be fitted to enter that better temple, of which our sanctuaries on earth are but shadows, and, if we use them aright, earnests and vestibules of entrance.

St. John's Church, Jamaica Plain.

THE REV. GEORGE C. SHEPARD, D. D., Rector.

By the advice of the Bishop of this Diocese, I commenced the regular services of the Church in St. John's Church, on Sunday, May 28, 1843. The congregation was small; and the few who attended had become quite disheartened from long struggling to surmount the obstacles that had presented themselves in establishing, in Jamaica Plain, a branch of our Church. By the blessing of God, hope soon revived — a Sunday school was commenced which, during the summer, numbered over thirty scholars, under five teachers. A lecture was established at a private house (kindly proffered for this purpose) on Wednesday evenings, which was well attended; and, as we hope, profitable to all concerned. There were, upon an average, more than twenty communicants at the Lord's Table. The number of worshippers at the chapel more than doubled.

The parish was reorganized in October, when I was duly elected Rector of the Church, and accepted the appointment; notice of which was lodged with the Bishop.

In November, by the advice of my physician, I was induced to go to the southward, to avoid the severe cold of the approaching winter, and resided in Charleston, S. C.; where, as my health permitted, I preached in the various churches, equalling one sermon each Lord's day, besides often performing divine service, administering the communion and assisting at its administration.

On the first Sunday in May, 1844, I returned to my duties in St. John's; where prospects of success, in establishing the Church, are more favorable than at any previous time. The Sunday school, at present, numbers thirty-four scholars and six teachers. Depending alone on God's Holy Spirit to further the efforts now making, we trust good will be done, and the services of our Church permanently secured to the people of Jamaica Plain.

Since I have been connected with the parish, I have baptized one, an infant. I have also buried one, an adult, and a most active communicant of the church.

Essex County.

St. Paul's Church, Newburyport.

THE REV. JOHN S. DAVENPORT, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 9, adults 5,) 14. Communicants: added, 9; died and removed, 4; present number, 115. Confirmed, on two occasions, 24. Burials, 11. Catechumens and Sunday scholars, 90. Contributions: to the Massachusetts Board of Missions, $64 21; to the General Board, $3 28; other purposes, including $40 for the Episcopal Fund, $188; total, $255 49.

During the past year this parish has made extensive repairs and alterations in the church, the expense of which has somewhat contracted their contributions to the missionary funds of the Church.

There have been no important changes in the general character of the congregation. While we have nothing to boast of in the way of large increase, and much to humble us in view of past defects and unprofitableness; while our confidence rests more upon the Lord's gracious promises than upon any striking manifesta-

tions of his favor to us in particular; yet the Rector feels confident that this parish will continue to retain the reputation it has always held in the Diocese, of firm and consistent attachment to the principles of the Church, as set forth in the Prayer Book.

The children have been, at regular monthly intervals, "examined openly in the church" in the Catechism, with much apparent advantage.

The most of the Holy Days of the Church have been observed; and, during the last summer, Morning Prayer was held on Wednesdays and Fridays, at 6 o'clock, (until the church was closed for repairs,) with a congregation of from 50 to 70 persons.

St. Peter's Church, Salem.

THE REV. CHARLES MASON, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 12, adults 4,) 16. Communicants: added, 27; died or removed, 14; present number, 155. Confirmed, 17. Marriages, 7. Burials, 9. Sunday school: teachers, 17; scholars, 90. Missionary contributions: General Board, $305; State Board, $127; Episcopal Fund, $50; Tract Committee, $15; Kenyon College, $70; for the poor, $170; total, $737.

This Church has enjoyed, through the blessing of God, unusual prosperity during the past year. It has rapidly increased in numbers, and is now full. The church has been furnished with a new and excellent organ, at the expense, in addition to the old organ, of nearly $1000, which was paid by subscription. The distribution of Prayer Books and tracts has been regularly continued, and its good effects are visible. Since January, 1841, between four and five thousand tracts have been circulated in the parish, and a large number of tracts and prayer books have been placed in the hands of seamen. May these means, as well as the services of His Church, be blessed by God to the eternal good of all who use them!

St. James's Church, Amesbury.

THE REV. SILAS BLAISDALE, Minister.

Baptism, 1 infant. Communicants: added, 1; died, 1; present number, 24. Marriages, 2. Burials, 6; Sunday school scholars, about 20. Contributions: for the poor, $6 50; for Missions, $8 20.

St. Michael's Church, Marblehead.

THE REV. MOSES P. STICKNEY, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants,) 12. Communicants: added, 11; died or removed, 10; present number, 104. Confirmed, 11. Burials, 7. Sunday scholars, 85. Missionary contributions: General Board, $13 45; Massachusettts Board, $4 13; other contributions for religious purposes, $83 79; total, $101 37.

A neat and convenient vestry has been built this year, and the parish are now painting the outside of the church. The expense of these improvements will be upwards of $300.

The children and youth are catechized "openly in the church" the last Sunday of every month by the Rector.

The congregation of worshippers appears to have increased during the year; harmony and peace prevail in the parish, and its general state is encouraging and prosperous.

Christ Church, Andover.

THE REV. GEORGE PACKARD, Minister.

This Parish became vacant by the resignation of the Rev. Samuel Fuller, D. D., about the middle of August. From the date of the last Convention to that of Dr. Fuller's leaving, I find recorded: Baptism, adult 1. Confirmed, 9. Burials, 1.

Since the first of September, when I entered upon my duties as minister, there have been: Baptisms, (infants 5, adults 3,) 8. Confirmed, 6. Burials, (adults 1, infants 5,) 6. Present number of communicants, 84. Snnday school: scholars, 107; teachers, 15. Contributions to the General Board of Missions: Foreign, $62 25; Domestic, $57 15; Massachusetts Board, $15 38; total,

$134 78. Other contributions: Sunday school library, $22 45; parish library, $25 50; parish purposes, $75 28.

The parish, having assumed the entire support of their minister, have been unable to contribute much to the Massachusetts Board. Free from debt; the congregation increasing; and the Great Head of the Church, having, in great mercy, given an encouraging increase to the seed sown, the parish may be represented as in a prosperous condition.

Middlesex County.

Christ Church, Cambridge.

THE REV. N. HOPPIN, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants, 14, adults 1,) 15. Communicants: added, 9; died or removed, 5; present number, 47. Confirmed, 4. Marriages, 1. Burials, 4. Sunday school scholars, 30. Contributions: General Board of Missions, $25 76; other contributions for religious purposes, $390 55; total, $416 31.

During the past year, the public services in this church, on Sunday, have been unusually well attended. In Lent and Passion week, and at other holy seasons, the church has been open for the customary devotions, and sermons have been read from the Church Book of Homilies. Between thirty and forty young gentlemen of the University are connected with the congregation. The Sunday school, though still small, has increased in numbers and interest. A commodious rectory has been completed, through the exertions of the Committee of this Convention, with the aid of an appropriation from the Church funds, and a very liberal donation from the ladies of the parish.

St. Peter's Church, Cambridgeport.

THE REV. DARIUS RICHMOND BREWER, Minister.

Baptisms, (infant 1, adult 3,) 4. Communicants: added, 14; died, 1; removed, 2; present number, 30. Confirmed, 11.

Marriages, 1. Burials, 4. Sunday school: scholars, 30; teachers, 6. Missionary contributions: General Board, $16. Other contributions: for furniture of the church, $244; for charitable purposes, $20.

Since the last report from this parish, a church, large enough to accommodate about 250 persons, has been built and consecrated: the congregation has gradually increased, and but seven pews now remain unrented.

While the measure of success which has hitherto been granted to us, calls for gladness and encouragement; yet the parish in its present condition is by no means firmly established, or able to sustain itself on its own resources. In order to erect our church, it became necessary to borrow the sum of $1400. This debt can be discharged by the parish, if they are freed from the support of the minister; or they can sustain a minister and the current expenses, if relieved of the debt; to meet both of these claims without assistance is beyond their power. If such assistance is afforded, there seems to be little doubt that the church in Cambridgeport will, ere long become a vigorous and independent parish.

St. Anne's Church, Lowell.

THE REV. THEODORE EDSON, Rector.

Baptisms, (children 77, adults 10,) 87. Communicants: added, 37; died or removed, 17; present number, 340. Confirmed, 47. Marriages, 13. Burials, 22. Sunday school, 460. Contributions: General Board of Missions, $61 16; Massachusetts Board, $141; other missionary contributions, $25; other contributions for religious purposes, $423 28.

St. Luke's Church, Lowell.

THE REV. AMOS D. MCCOY, Rector.

When the friends of our Church, during the past year, aided St. Luke's with more than $500 to enable them to pay a pressing debt, it was supposed that available sources were known from which the parish would receive what was needed to meet all the

pressing claims held against the proprietors. In this, great disappointment was suffered. The parish did not receive the payments which were confidently expected; and, on examination, it was found that the debts were more numerous than had been supposed. And now the whole property of the proprietors and parish is liable to be sold, in a few days, for the want of a sum not exceeding $500. Besides this debt, other small claims are held against the proprietors, which amount in all to $800. The parish are also in arrears for church furniture and current expenses, to the amount of six or seven hundred dollars; making the whole sum that should be paid immediately, nineteen hundred or two thousand dollars. If the church can be completed without delay at an expense of about $3000, and the above-named debts of the proprietors and parish paid, it is the opinion of many that this parish will be able, in a very few months, to support all their necessary current expenses, and to pay all other claims against them when they shall become due.

While perplexed with pecuniary embarrassments, we have been comforted with spiritual blessings. There have been, baptisms, (infants 9, adults 2,) 11. Confirmed, 16. Marriages, 2. Burials, 1. Communicants: added, 22; removed, 14; present number, 106. Sunday scholars, about 100. Quinquagesima collection, $5 62.

St. Mary's Church, Newton, Lower Falls.

THE REV. ALFRED L. BAURY, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 11, adult 1,) 12. Communicants: added, 6; died or removed 8; present number, 125. Confirmed 3. Marriages, 2. Burials, 19. Sunday scholars, 154. Missionary contributions: Massachusetts Board, $25; General Board, $45; Sunday school library, $17 52; contribution towards mural tablet to the memory of the late Rt. Rev. Bishop Griswold, $11 58; for extra parochial purposes, $415; total, $514 10.

The deaths and removals from this parish have been greater since the last annual report to the Convention, than during any one of the preceding twenty-two years of my incumbency. A respectable number, however, of members attached to our Pro-

testant Episcopal Church remain; and there have been some additions, which induces the hope that, ere long, the losses we have sustained will be supplied.

In spiritual things we have little of an encouraging nature to report; whilst, from the attention paid to sanctuary privileges and opportunities, the people would seem to be "growing in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ." Our Sunday school, under its devoted superintendent and persevering teachers, continues to flourish. The children, in compliance with the rubric, are instructed or examined on Sundays and other convenient occasions, in the Church Catechism.

St. Mary's has been newly shingled and painted, and a suitable vestry, or robing-room, erected in the rear of the church.

Of missionary contributions above reported, it may be proper to state that $25 were an anonymous donation from a lay member of the parish, and did not pass through the Treasury of our Diocesan Board of Missions.

St. John's Church, Charlestown.

THE REV. P. H. GREENLEAF, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 13, adults 4,) 17. Marriages, 4. Burials, 10. Sunday school: scholars, 162; teachers, 22. Confirmed, 16. Communicants, about 100. Missionary and benevolent contributions, $305 07.

During the past year this parish has declined in numbers and strength. More than $12,000 of debt, with prospect of rapid increase of interest thereon, discouraged the people in their efforts, and it was believed the church would be sold. Under such a prospect, the strength of the parish declined, and, notwithstanding the zeal and fidelity of a few faithful Christians, its spiritual life was dying. The Rector, perceiving the necessity, devoted himself for a few months to its pecuniary relief. By the great liberality and kindness of a few friends in Boston, whose names are well known, and whose praise is in all the churches, his efforts were crowned with success, and he has the great satisfaction to report, that there is now not a dollar of incumbrance on the church property.

These embarrassments, however, have not prevented the Rector from officiating on every Sunday and Holy Day throughout the year; teaching a Bible class every week; meeting, weekly, the Sunday school teachers; and lecturing twice every month, in the evening. During Lent, services were held four times every week with profit and, it is believed, interest to the congregation.

The Rector devotes much time and attention to the Sunday school; gives it large place in his labors; and in its growth and increasing interest, under so many discouragements, has his abundant reward.

It is his deliberate opinion, that the parish will soon recover its lost strength, and that its prospects of permanent prosperity were never so good as at this moment. May the great Head of the Church reward, with richest blessings, its kind benefactors, and visit the congregation with his love and favor; enlightening their minds more and more with the light of the everlasting gospel.

Plymouth County.

St. Andrew's Church, Hanover.

THE REV. SAMUEL CUTLER, Rector.

Baptisms, (children 14, adults 2,) 16. Communicants: added, 3; died or removed, 2; present number, 130. Confirmed, 4. Marriages, 2. Burials, 9. Sunday school teachers, 14; scholars, 80. Missionary contributions: General Board, domestic, $9 16; foreign, $40 03; total, 49 19; Massachusetts Board, $70 87; monthly distribution of tracts, $14 42; tablet to memory of Bishop Griswold, $7; other contributions, $65 26.

This parish may be represented as in a flourishing condition. Although the additions to the communion since the last Convention have been very few,—and the Rector has been painfully impressed with the fact; and has felt how ineffectual are all *human* efforts to bring men to Christ, without the blessing of the Holy Ghost,—yet has he reason to hope that his labor has not been in vain, in the conservative influence which the truth must necessarily exert. Since the last Convention (in addition to the contributions above specified) the sum of two hundred and sixty

dollars has been expended in painting and improving the interior of the church.

This amount was raised by the ladies of the parish, to whom much credit is due for their energetic and successful efforts.

Trinity Church, Marshfield.

THE REV. SAMUEL CUTLER, Minister.

I have held occasional services in this parish since the last Convention. At such times the congregations have been generally large and attentive. There are, however, but few among the population who are decidedly attached to the principles of our Church; and there is but little prospect of its regular ministrations among them. The present number of communicants is 9. To all other *statistics* required by the canon, a blank must be affixed.

Trinity Church, Bridgewater.

THE REV. N. E. MARBLE, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants,) 2. Communicants: added, 0; died, 3; present number, 51. Burials, 5. Sunday scholars, 18. Missionary contributions: General Board, $3 50; other contributions, $67 24; total, $70 74.

The present incumbent took charge of this parish in September last. Owing to circumstances which it is not expedient to detail here, the parish at that period was in a very low state, and although it cannot be said there is, as yet, any decided improvement, still it is hoped there has been some preparation for a better state of things, and that by the blessing of God upon labors judiciously expended, this ancient parish may be resuscitated, and placed upon a firm basis.

Bristol County.

St. Thomas's Church, Taunton.

The Rev. N. T. Bent, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 6, adults 5,) 11. Communicants: added, 13; died or removed, 27; present number, 93. Confirmed, 8. Marriages, 3. Burials, 9. Sunday scholars, 120. Missionary contributions: General Board, $74 17; Massachusetts Board, $25; District mission, $150; aid of churches, $20; Sunday school, $30; parish library, $50; offerings for the poor, $75 77; for liquidation of Church debt, $2,500; total, $2,924 24.

The past year has not been without adversity to this parish, and yet has, on the whole, been remarkably prosperous. Discouraging removals of valued communicants and families have continued to occur from the suspension of an important branch of our manufactories, to us the most important. But their place has been supplied to an encouraging extent, by accessions from the more permanent residents of the town; and, in addition, there is now a prospect of a speedy return with others; and we hope we may rely upon present indications of a more substantial prosperity to the town, than it has for years enjoyed.

Meanwhile, St. Thomas's was never so strong as at this moment. A debt upon the Church of $2,500 has remained until this year, and now has been cancelled without foreign assistance. Indeed, the parish has received from abroad but $100 from the first, towards their beautiful church, which, as it now stands, has cost about $12,000. All necessary provision for the support of the Church is made with remarkable promptness. The various parochial institutions are prosperous, particularly the Sunday school. There is a growing appreciation of our Church system, and we hope a growing conformity to the gospel of Christ.

Grace Church, New Bedford.

The Rev. Thomas R. Lambert, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 18, adults 3,) 21. Communicants: added,

30; died or removed, 9; present number, 121. Confirmed, 23. Marriages, 5. Burials, 5. Sunday scholars, 175; teachers, 26. Missionary contributions, $142.

Church of the Ascension, Fall River.

The Rev. George M. Randall, late Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 29, adults 2,) 31. Confirmed, 14. Communicants: added, 19; removed, 7; died, 2; present number, 88. Burials, 11. Marriages, 13. Missionary contributions: foreign, $5; domestic, $5; State, $46; total, $56. Sunday school: scholars, 111; teachers, 21. Volumes in the Library, 300.

The undersigned entered upon the duties of a minister, in this parish, in July, A. D. 1838. The parish, then in its infancy, had been for several months deprived of the services of a minister, and the congregation was small. They were at that time worshipping in the Town House, where we continued to hold service for nearly two years. The number of communicants, at the commencement of my ministrations was 30; and about the same number of families were connected with the parish. The congregation continued gradually to increase, and gain strength. In July, 1840, they purchased a church, and in the following month of August, it was consecrated to Almighty God.

Since my connection with the parish, 99 persons have been baptized, 17 adults and 82 infants; 61 have been confirmed, and 89 added to the communion. The parish numbers about 90 families, and has at no time, since its organization, been so flourishing as during the past year.

A Parish Library has been recently established, containing at present, 50 volumes, and large additions have also been made to the Sunday school library.

On the sixth day of May last, I resigned my parochial charge, having accepted an invitation to the Rectorship of the Church of the Messiah, Boston.

The Rev. Mr. Brewer has been engaged to supply the parish for three months, and expects to enter upon his duties on the second Sunday after Trinity.

To the Right Rev. the Bishop of the Diocese:

As an extract has been made by the Secretary of the Massachusetts Board of Missions, from the subscriber's report to the Board, it only will be necessary to state that the experience of the past year encourages him to steady perseverance in his present field of labor. At the places in which he has, thus far, held divine service, an earnest desire is manifested, by the scattered members of our Church, for a continuance of his ministrations, and new points of interest are constantly presenting themselves.

T. W. SNOW,
Missionary for the Southern District of Massachusetts.

Nantucket County.

Trinity Church, Nantucket.

THE REV. F. W. J. POLLARD, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 16, adults 10,) 26. Confirmed, 33. Marriages, 3. Burials, 4. Members of the Sunday school, 80. Communicants, 103. Contributions for parochial and other purposes, $550.

Worcester County.

St. John's Church, Wilkinsonville.

THE REV. DANIEL L. B. GOODWIN, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 7, adults 4,) 11. Communicants: added, 6; died or removed, 2; present number, 92. Confirmed, 7. Marriages, 4. Burials, 8. Sunday scholars, 75. Missionary contributions: General Board, $42 58; Massachusetts Board, $31 91.

The state of this parish continues much the same as in former years. There is an unusual degree of peace and unanimity among its members. Of the number of communicants given

above, some have removed to other places, but as they consider this as their spiritual home, their names are continued on our list.

The respect of this people towards their minister, and the readiness and generosity with which they supply his wants, are worthy of much praise.

Divine service has been performed by myself twice every Sunday, but one, throughout the year, and usually a third service in the evening.

Hampden County.

Christ Church, Springfield.

THE REV. HENRY W. LEE, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 15, adults 5,) 20. Communicants: added, 24; died or removed, 15; present number, 92. Confirmed, 23. Marriages, 7. Burials, 15. Sunday scholars, 70. Missionary contributions: General Board, $28 50. Other contributions for religious purposes: collections at the offertory, $58 21; special charitable collection, $23 35; Convention assessment, $10; Sunday school library and various parochial objects, $14. Besides this, the Ladies' Sewing Society have raised during the year $175 for the benefit of the parish. Total contributions, $309 06.

The parish has become self-supporting this year, and for this reason but little has been given for missionary purposes. The amount contributed to the General Board was raised chiefly in the Sunday school, for the African Mission.

The parish is burdened with debt, efforts to remove which are now in progress, and it is hoped that with assistance from abroad, assurances of which have been given, this most desirable end may be accomplished.

The spiritual affairs of the parish are in as encouraging a condition as at any former period, for which God's name be praised!

Hampshire County.

St. John's Church, Northampton.

The Rev. Henry Burroughs, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 3, adults 0,) 3. Communicants: added, 11; present number, 46. Confirmed, 3. Marriages, 4. Sunday school teachers, 12; scholars, 50. Missionary contributions: General Board, $14; Massachusetts Board, $11; other contributions: Convention fund, $4 50; offerings at the holy communion, $27 40; by the Ladies' Society for parochial purposes, $110. Total, $166 90.

The present Rector entered upon his duties, October 1st, 1843. There have been services and sermons or lectures on the principal Holy Day, on every Tuesday evening from Advent to Easter, and on every Friday afternoon during Lent. The Sunday school is superintended and taught by the Rector, and the children are catechized "openly in the church" on the afternoon of the first Sunday in every month. The apostolic plan of systematic charity has been adopted, and the offerings of the church are brought in every Lord's Day.

Franklin County.

St. James's Church, Greenfield.

The Rev. T. Strong, D. D., Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 12, 10 belonging to Montague; adults 2, belonging to Montague,) total 14. Communicants: added, 4; died or removed, 6; present number, 63. Confirmed, 2 in Montague, 3 in Greenfield. Marriages, 5. Burials, 12. Sunday school scholars, 60. Missionary contributions: General Board, $30; Massachusetts Board, $12; total, $42. Other contributions for religious purposes, &c. The ordinary expenses of the

parish, Sunday school, &c., the amount of which cannot be ascertained.

No changes, affecting materially the interests of this parish, have occurred since the last Convention. The services of the Church have been attended as usual, and it is to be hoped that they have not been without the benefit and the blessing which God has promised to his own appointments.

St. John's Church, Ashfield.

THE REV. JACOB PEARSON, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 3, adults 1,) 4. Communicants: added, 7; died, 3; removed, 3; present number, 29. Confirmed, 5. Burials, 7; Sunday scholars, 40. Missionary contributions: General Board, $3; Massachusetts Board, $4; other contributions, $35.

Through the blessing of God, the Rector is happy to report the condition of the parish more encouraging than at any former period of his ministrations. The number added to the communion is larger than is exhibited by the recorded action of any preceding year; and 6 are influential heads of families.

With the materials generously furnished by Levi Cook, Esq., of the city of New York, the church has been painted, and the reading-desk has been beautified by a very valuable Bible, the gift of a lady of Trinity Church, Boston, to whom we were already indebted for many disinterested kindnesses.

The Rector has regularly performed the services of the Church every Sunday, and on other seasons of devotion, and has preached on all these occasions, saving one Sunday, when his pulpit was filled by Dr. Clark; he has superintended his Sunday school, instructed his Bible Class, and catechized his scholars in both; and during the year has circulated a good number of tracts, which he trusts are doing good.

Berkshire County.

St. Paul's Church, Otis.

THE REV. ETHAN ALLEN, Rector.

During the past year there have been, baptisms, (infant 1, adult 2,) 3. Confirmed, 3. Funerals, 7. Added to the communion, 3. Communicants, 16.

The state of the church is much the same as when last reported. Its friends in this place, though not numerous, are yet very decided in their attachment to the doctrines, worship and discipline of the Protestant Episcopal Church, and are daily displaying an exemplary zeal and fidelity in the discharge of their respective duties. I can bear them witness, that to the extent of their means, and even beyond them, they are willing to give, and ready to distribute, for the extension and support of that glorious gospel, in the true faith of which, unadulterated by the novelties of the day, they hope to live and die. In order to supply the deficiencies of a very limited salary, a part of the missionary's time is occupied in teaching a school. For the continued "nursing care of the Church" we feel very grateful.

St. James's Church, Great Barrington.

THE REV. S. HASSARD, Rector.

Baptisms, (adults 8, children 10,) 18. Communicants: added, 42; died or removed, 10; present number, 114. Confirmed, 28. Married, 1. Burials, 8. Sunday school, 60. Missionary contributions: Massachusetts Board, $33 50; General Board, $23. Other contributions for benevolent purposes, $223.

The increase of the Church, reported above, properly considered, is chiefly the spiritual harvest of the year preceding that which ends to-day; our confirmation having taken place soon after the meeting of the last Convention.

The last year has been, to the people and minister of St. James's, one of unusual trial. During one half of the year, the minister was

obliged, by illness, to abstain from officiating; and from January 1 to April 14, the services of the sanctuary were supplied entirely by lay-reading. Great credit is due to a large portion of the congregation for the regularity with which they attended these services. It was demonstrated in their experience, during the last winter, that so long as the Bible and Liturgy, devout and intelligent laymen, and such discourses as our late venerable Bishop bequeathed to the Church, are left to us, we have still the means of edification and union; and there is no need of any congregation breaking up, or of their shutting up the sanctuary.

For the services above alluded to, we are indebted to a very worthy member of the Church, Mr. J. D. Cushing.

Of the $223 above noted, $214 were raised by the "Ladies' United Society," and applied by them to the relief of their sick minister. He here records his grateful sense of their kindness.

Trinity Church, Van Deusenville.

THE REV. R. M. CHAPMAN, Minister.

Baptisms, infants 3. Communicants, 51. Confirmed, 2. Marriages, 1. Burials, 2.

I took charge of this parish, in connection with that of Trinity Church, Lenox, in July last, and have continued to minister to them in the proportion of about two thirds of the time to the former, and one third to the latter.

This parish consists of some forty families, for the most part warmly attached to the Church, and regular in their attendance on its services; though their wealth is not sufficient to enable them to contribute much to the general interests of the Church, or even to defray the whole cost of the ministrations they are receiving.

St. Paul's Church, Stockbridge.

THE REV. S. P. PARKER, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 4, adults 4,) 8. Confirmed, 13. Communicants: added, 15; died or removed, 2; present number, 34.

Marriages, 1. Burials, 1. Sunday scholars, 25. Contributions: Expenses of Convention, $5; Tracts, $5; Sunday school library, $15; parish library, $8; General Charitable purposes, $14; Ladies' Sewing Society, $75; total, $122.

A year of uncommon hope and anxiety has closed. A church has been begun, and is almost ready for consecration. The members of the parish have exerted themselves well, to raise the needed money; and the friends of the Church in Boston, New York, and other places, have generously furnished the remainder. New duties and hopes have begotten new wants; and although more money has been given by the parish, the past year, to current charitable purposes than heretofore, yet it has been expended in providing for the absolute necessities of its own household. In consequence, nothing has been paid into the missionary treasury.

The ministerial services of the past year have been unaltered, with the exception, that in place of a sermon, the children have been catechized, in presence of the congregation, in the afternoon of the first Sunday of each month. With devout thankfulness the Rector has to record a growth in numbers proportionable to the other improving prospects of the parish, and, that which is better evidence of Christ's blessing, growing holiness, love, and knowledge, on the part of its members.

Trinity Church, Lenox.

THE REV. R. M. CHAPMAN, Minister.

Baptisms, (1 infant, 1 adult,) 2. Communicants, 30. Marriages, 2. Burial, 1.

This parish is but the remnant of one once large and flourishing, but reduced to its present state of feebleness by deaths and removals. Those, however, who remain, are excelled by none in firm devotion to the Church and faithfulness of living; while the baptism and addition to the communion, the last fall, of one person always accustomed to another worship, is to us a cheering sign that life is not yet quite extinct in this decayed branch of our growing communion.

St. Stephen's Church, Pittsfield.

THE REV. EDWARD BALLARD, Rector.

Baptism, (infants 7, adult 3,) 10. Communicants: added, 14; died or removed, 9; present number, 71. Confirmed, 13. Marriage, 1. Burials, 11. Sunday school scholars, 54. Contributions: General Board of Missions, $365; Massachusetts Board, $60; Sunday school library, $19 50; Convention fund, $10 50; total, $455.

The condition of this parish has been steadily improving since the last report. A larger number of services than heretofore has been held during the seasons of Advent, Lent and Passion week; and the confident hope is cherished, that the labors thus bestowed will not be without profit. Great harmony has prevailed. Contributions have been made systematically to missionary objects; and also at Christmas, at the suggestion of the General Board; and on Quinquagesima Sunday, at the call of the Bishop. It is believed that one reason for the prosperity of this church may be traced to the fact, that, from its beginning, it has been a constant contributor to the support of the missions. "The Lord loveth a cheerful giver."

St. Luke's Church, Lanesborough.

THE REV. S. BRENTON SHAW, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 18, adults 4,) 22. Confirmed, 6. Communicants: added, 5; died or removed, 3; present number, 68. Burials: infants, 1; adults, 7. In Sunday school, 100. Contributions: Massachusetts Board, $18 17; for church in Stockbridge, $5 50; repairs on church, $25; to supply losses on fund, $150; total, $198 67.

Through the blessing of God, on the steady use of the divinely appointed means of grace, this Church continues in the unity of the faith, and in the bond of peace. Its condition has never been more prosperous, or its prospects more encouraging. Attendance on public worship is large and regular, and all the young of the parish are placed under the influence of catechetical instruc-

tion. The universal clamor of the day against Episcopacy, has only served to make us more decided Churchmen, by a candid examination of its merits; and better Christians, we trust, by teaching us to avoid the bitter invective and vulgar abuse with which we are so continually assailed.

To the Right Rev. the Bishop of Massachusetts:

I remained in charge of the Free Church of the Episcopal City Mission Society, since the time of my last report in June, 1843, until Advent Sunday of the same year, when my services were discontinued, the Rev. E. M. P. Wells having been previously elected City Missionary. During the term mentioned, public worship was performed three times every Lord's day, and once on the day of annual Thanksgiving; and the holy communion was regularly administered at the usual seasons. I have been greatly favored by the kind and valuable services of my clerical brethren of this city and vicinity, and of some others, in preaching at the third service. From the general attendance and serious deportment of the congregation, I cannot but hope that my ministrations have not been altogether in vain. The children of the Sunday school were instructed in the Scriptures and the Church Catechism before Morning and Evening prayer. I have baptized six infants, solemnized one marriage, and performed the burial service for one adult and three children.

The collections at the Communion, and at the third service, were applied to the relief of such of the members of the congregation as, from sickness or other causes, required assistance; and some further aid has been afforded in money and second-hand clothing.

Since the relinquishment of my temporary charge, I have preached and performed the service twice at the Free Chapel, and three times at Trinity Hall. I have preached once in Christ Church, Boston, and assisted in the administration of the Lord's Supper three times; preached once at the Church of the Messiah at the third service, twice at St. Luke's Church, Chelsea, and

delivered three sermons, and read prayers once, in St. Matthew's Church, South Boston. I have also admitted two children to baptism, and joined one couple in matrimony.

Respectfully submitted by

ISAAC BOYLE.

To the Right Rev. the Bishop of Massachusetts:

In accordance with the duty canonically devolving on me, I herewith transmit to you the annual report of my official labors. Up to the 1st of October last, I continued to supply the pulpit of St. John's Church, Northampton, and to do what I could for that parish, depressed and discouraged. On the 1st of October, I commenced the labors of a General Missionary in the Western portion of the Diocese; and up to the present time, continue in that field of labor. Contrary to my own expectations when I commenced, it has been thought expedient that I should confine my services chiefly to the depressed Churches at Hopkinton, Clappville and Montague, and the result of my labors hitherto has satisfied me that it was wise thus to nourish and, if possible, save the institutions already in being, but, by what means I know not, sunk almost into ruin. In these three churches, I found nothing but remnants of what had been; and they are so remote from each other that the amount of my toil and travel has been hardly less than that of a general missionary in the fullest sense of the term. I have been interrupted but one Sunday, and then the travelling was so bad, that I could not reach my appointment. It was the breaking up of winter. I have performed the burial service once, baptized 2 infants, solemnized 3 marriages, preached 101 sermons, and travelled in the discharge of official duties 3547 miles since the 1st of October. I have preached at Ware Village, and have another appointment there to administer baptism for several who are waiting for that ordinance. At Westfield, and several other places, I have found good missionary ground.

Through the characteristic liberality of certain gentlemen in Boston, money has been raised with which to commence legal proceedings for the recovery of the glebe at Hopkinton; and the best legal counsel attainable has decided that the property is unquestionably recoverable. Public sentiment in Hopkinton is de-

cidedly favorable to the Church and its claim; and with proper attention and nourishment I can confidently anticipate the time not far remote, when St. Paul's, Hopkinton, will be one of the best country churches in the Diocese. At present the congregation on Sunday is large and promising.

At Clappville, the church has been thoroughly repaired and painted; the congregation increases in numbers; better attention is paid to the preached word; some sense of God's presence in his Holy Temple has come to be apparent; and the parish will soon, with God's blessing, be again, what it once was, a prosperous parish, and the Church an honor to the Diocese. Montague, I hope, will be prepared to receive a pastor to bestow all his labors there within a few months, and Trinity Church arise again from the dust.

I hope, under God, my labors in this humble field have not been altogether in vain; and the end of the year, I doubt not, will show, that if I do what I can, God will make manifest his good-will, in causing the light to shine again in beauty and excellence in some of those churches where the candle has long burnt so dim. God's honor, as well as the honor of the Church and Diocese demands, that in New England, no individual Church institution be suffered to remain covered with the dust of indifference and neglect, as has been long the condition of St. Paul's, Hopkinton. Heaven will demand hereafter of some one, I know not who, a reason for this object of disgrace, this heap of spiritual ruins. There has been great inattention and lack of zeal and faithfulness somewhere.

ORANGE CLARK.

June 12th, 1844.

To the Right Rev. the Bishop of Massachusetts:

The undersigned respectfully states that, during the last year, he has occasionally assisted in the celebration of the Lord's Supper; and administered the sacrament of baptism in private to two sick infants. A portion of his time has been spent in visiting among the poor, the sick and afflicted. He has not attempted to preach in public on account of the infirmity of his voice.

Respectfully,

ASA EATON.

Boston, June 12th, 1844.

To the Right Rev. the Bishop of Massachusetts:

As Chaplain of the Boston Naval Station, I have to report, for the past year, 9 funerals and 3 marriages. Public worship has been regularly celebrated on board the ship Ohio, 74, and a sermon preached on Sunday. The number present at service has varied from two or three hundred to one thousand, and twelve hundred. Part of the year I have held a morning service at the Navy Yard. The Sunday school has been regularly held where the numbers have fluctuated very much. At present it is quite small.

ADDISON SEARLE.

Boston, June 12th, 1844.

To the Right Rev. the Bishop of Massachusetts:

In accordance with the requirement of the canons of our Church, I would respectfully report to you, that in addition to my duties as a classical teacher, I have, during the last conventional year preached sixteen times, read the service twenty times, and either administered or assisted in the administration of the communion eight times.

DANIEL LEACH.

Roxbury, June 13th, 1844.

To the Right Rev. the Bishop of Massachusetts:

My official performances the past year have been: preaching, 55 times; reading Prayers, 45 times; administering the holy communion, 4 times; assisting in the administration of the same, twice. Residence, Boston, without a cure. Officiated chiefly here and in Lowell.

WM. WITHINGTON.

Boston, June 12th, 1844.

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Dr. EPISCOPAL FUND, *in account with* ISAAC BOYLE, *Treasurer.* Cr.

1842.			1842.		
Oct. 4.	To paid Bishop Griswold on account, as per receipt,	$150 00	Sept. 28.	By balance, old account,	$152 11
Nov. 27.	" J. B. Dow's bill, circulars,	4 00	Oct. 5.	" received from the Church of the Ascension, Fall River,	5 00
1842.			" 18.	" received from Christ Church, Cambridge,	24 24
Dec. 9.	" Bishop Griswold on account, as per receipt,	150 09	Dec. 5.	" " " St. Paul's, Boston,	150 09
1843.					
Aug. 15.	" administrator of Bishop Griswold, balance on hand, as per receipt,	27 35			
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1843.			1843.		
Aug. 12.	To paid James Benjamin, Esq., administrator of the estate of Bishop Griswold, as per receipt,	$284 40	July 15.	By amount received from E. W. Howard, Esq., Treasurer of R. I. Convention,	$284 40

Boston, June 12th, 1844.

Errors excepted.

ISAAC BOYLE, *Treasurer.*

DR. CONVENTION *of the Protestant Episcopal Church in*

1843.			
June 14.	To amount paid the following Clergymen for travelling expenses, by order of Convention:		
	Rev. S. B. Shaw, . . .	$10 00	
	" S. Hassard, . . .	10 00	
	" T. Strong, D. D., . .	10 00	
	" E. Ballard, . . .	10 00	
	" J. Pearson, . . .	10 00	
	" S. P. Parker, . . .	10 00	
	" H. Blackaller, . . .	3 00	
	" H. W. Lee, . . .	6 00	
	(Voucher No. 1.)		69 00
July 28.	J. B. Dow's bill of printing Journal, (No. 2,)		163 45
1844.			
June 4.	J. B. Dow's bill of printing Bishop's Primary Charge and Circulars, (No. 3,) . .		51 00
June 12.	Copying records of Convention, 1843, (No. 4,)		20 00
	Postages, &c. of Secretary, $1 50; of Treasurer, 75, ...		2 25
	Stationary furnished by the Secretary,		50
	To Balance to new account, . . .		252 82
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It becomes necessary to mention the following Churches as not having this year complied with the Canon of 1828: St. Matthew's, South Boston; St. Michael's, Marblehead; St. James's, Amesbury; Christ Church, Quincy; St. Luke's, Lowell; St. Mary's, Newton Lower Falls; Trinity Church, Marshfield; St. Thomas's, Taunton; Church of the Ascension, Fall River; St. John's, Wilkinsonville; St. Mark's, Blandford; St. Luke's, Lanesborough; St. Paul's, Otis; and Trinity, Nantucket. The two first named Churches assigned reasons for delay; but it is much to be wished, as the expenses of the present year will be very considerably increased, in consequence of the approaching session of the General Convention, that *all* the Churches enumerated, would remit their respective assessments to the Treasurer, as soon as convenient.

Massachusetts, in account with ISAAC BOYLE, *Treasurer.* CR.

1843.			
June 15.	By balance of old account, . . .		48 52
	" amount received from the following Churches for contingent expenses, under canon of 1828:		
	St. James's, Great Barrington, .	$8 25	
	St. Paul's, Dedham, . . .	8 25	
	S. Stephen's, Pittsfield, . .	10 50	
	St. Peter's, Salem, ...	12 00	
	St. James's, Greenfield, . .	6 00	
	Grace Church, New Bedford, . .	18 00	
	St. Anne's, Lowell, . . .	15 00	
	St. Luke's, do.	5 00	
	Christ Church, Springfield, . .	9 00	
	Christ Church, Cambridge, . .	5 00	
	St. John's, Charlestown, . .	12 00	
	St. Luke's, Chelsea, . . .	1 50	
	St. James's, Roxbury, . .	15 00	
	Christ Church, Boston, . . .	15 00	
	Trinity Church, do. . . .	45 00	
	Trinity Church, Van Deusenville, .	4 50	
	St. Paul's, Stockbridge, . .	3 00	
	St. Paul's, Newburyport, . .	12 00	
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May 21.	St. Paul's, Boston, . . .	45 00	
31.	St. John's, Northampton, . .	4 50	
June 11.	Grace Church, New Bedford, .	18 00	
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	St. Paul's, Newburyport, . .	12 00	
	Christ Church, Springfield, . .	10 00	
	Trinity Church, Bridgewater, .	4 50	
	St. James's, Great Barrington, .	7 50	
	St. Paul's, Dedham, . . .	8 25	
	St. Anne's, Lowell, . . .	18 00	
	St. Andrew's, Hanover, . .	9 00	
	St. James's, Greenfield, . . .	6 00	
	Trinity Church, Boston, . .	45 00	
	St. Paul's, Stockbridge, . .	5 00	
	Grace Church, Boston, . . .	20 00	
	St. Peter's, Salem, . . .	15 00	
14.	St. John's, Charlestown, . .	12 00	
	Christ Church, Boston, . . .	15 00	
			305 50
			$559 02

Errors excepted.

ISAAC BOYLE, *Treasurer.*

Boston, June 14, 1844.

DR. MASSACHUSETTS BOARD OF MISSIONS.

To Cash paid as follows, from June 14, 1843, to June 13, 1844:		
Andover—Rev. S. Fuller, D. D., in full, . .	$76 92	
Ashfield—Rev. Jacob Pearson, to April 1, 1844,	93 75	
Amesbury—Rev. S. Blaisdale, " "	100 90	
Bridgewater—Rev. N. E. Marble, " "	25 00	
Blandford—Rev. H. H. Bates, to Jan. 1, "	75 00	
Charlestown—Rev. P. H. Greenleaf, " "	250 00	
Chelsea—Rev. W. S. Bartlet, " "	169 60	
Cambridgeport—Rev. D. R. Brewer, " "	300 00	
Fall River—Rev. G. M. Randall, April 1, "	150 00	
Lowell—Rev. A. D. McCoy, to Jan. 1, "	325 00	
Northampton—Rev. O. Clark, D.D. to Oct. 1, "	100 00	
" —Rev. H. Burroughs, to Jan. 1, "	50 00	
Otis—Rev. Ethan Allen, " "	75 00	
Quincy—Rev. J. P. Robinson, to April 1, "	150 00	
Springfield—Rev. H. W. Lee, balance,	25 00	
Stockbridge—Rev. S. P. Parker, to Jan. 1, "	58 33	
Van Deusenville—Rev. R. M. Chapman, do.	74 67	
Wilkinsonville—Rev. D. L. B. Goodwin, do.	75 00	
Worcester—Rev. H. Blackaller, to April 1,	421 98	
" —Dr. Chapman, on account,	45 00	
SOUTHERN DISTRICT—Rev. T. W. Snow,	196 67	
WESTERN DISTRICT—Per order of Treasurer in favor of the Rev. H. W. Lee, .	25 00	
Rev. O. Clark, D. D., ...	75 00	
Expenses, ...	13 44	
		2951 26
The following sums were paid according to the direction of the donors:		
Nantucket—Trinity Church, . . .	$6 00	
Boston—City Mission, ...	405 00	
" Trinity Hall, ...	50 00	
" Rev. Dr. Boyle, ...	100 00	
Greenfield—Rev. Dr. Strong, ...	60 00	
Manchester—Rev. Mr. Moore, . . .	20 00	
Quincy—Christ Church, ...	15 00	
Stockbridge—Rev. S. P. Parker, . . .	108 00	
Chelsea—St. Luke's Church, ...	50 00	
Tract Committee, ...	15 00	
Rev. T. W. Snow, Southern District, . .	387 50	
Bishop McIlvaine, Kenyon College, .	15 30	
J. A. Stone, Theological Student, . .	55 00	
Griswold, African youth, . . .	10 00	
		1296 80
General Domestic Missions, ...		2195 57
" Foreign "		3518 29
Balance, ...		82 38
		$10,044 30

MASSACHUSETTS BOARD OF MISSIONS. CR.

By cash received, as follows, from June 14, 1843, to June 13, 1844:	For this Diocese.	For General Domestic Missions	For Foreign Missions.	For Various Objects.	Total.
Balance on hand,	$186 72				186 72
Andover—Christ Church,	15 38	57 15	62 25		134 78
Amesbury—St. James's,	6 85	3 10	3 10		13 05
Ashfield—St. John's,	4 00	3 00			7 00
Bridgewater—Trinity,		1 75	1 75		3 50
Boston—Trinity,	525 65	530 93	538 30	521 00	2115 88
" St. Paul's,	915 35	913 28	1648 27	420 30	3897 20
" Grace,	250 00	40 09	240 59	120 00	650 68
" Christ,		4 55	1 00		5 55
" St. Matthew's,	18 00	21 00	11 00	8 00	58 00
" Public meetings,	168 25	89 49	89 49		347 23
" Ch. of the Messiah		11 87	6 56		18 43
" Trinity Chapel,			32 10		32 10
Blandford—St. Mark's,	3 75	50	50		4 75
Charlestown—St. John's,	54 47	6 54	6 54		67 55
Cambridge—Christ,		15 38	10 38		25 76
" St. Peter's,		8 00	8 00		16 00
Chelsea—St. Luke's,	10 63	6 25	6 25		23 13
Fall River—Ch. Ascension,	5 00	5 00	5 00	25 00	40 00
Greenfield—St. James's,	12 00	17 50	12 50		42 00
Gt. Barrington—St. James's	34 50	22 00			56 50
Hopkinton—St. Paul's,	3 00				3 00
Hanover—St. Andrew's,	30 87	9 16	40 03	37 50	117 56
Lowell—St. Luke's,		2 81	2 81		5 62
" St. Anne's,	121 00	50 00	31 00		202 00
Lenox—Trinity,	1 50	1 00			2 50
Lanesboro'—St. Luke's,	18 17				18 17
Marblehead—St. Michael's,	4 13	9 23	4 22		17 58
Newburyport—St. Paul's,	*71 21	1 57	2 57		75 35
New Bedford—Grace,	42 00			50 00	92 00
Newton L. Falls—St. Mary's	25 00	10 00	10 00		45 00
Northampton—St. John's,	11 50	7 00	7 00		25 50
Pittsfield—St. Stephen's,	60 00	64 00	300 00		424 00
Quincy—Christ,	20 00				20 00
Roxbury—St. James's,		69 04	126 21		195 25
Salem—St. Peter's,	112 00	157 00	157 00	20 00	446 00
Springfield—Christ,		6 50	23 00		29 50
Taunton—St. Thomas's,		17 09	58 08	75 00	150 17
Wilkinsonville—St. John's,	31 92	21 29	21 29		74 50
Worcester—All Saints,	10 00		10 00		20 00
Various individuals,	259 79	12 50	41 50	21 00	334 79
	3032 64	2195 57	3518 29	1297 80	$10,044 30

BENJAMIN HOWARD, *Treasurer.*

Boston, June 13, 1844.

The undersigned, a committee appointed at the Diocesan Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in Massachusetts, to examine the accounts of the Treasurer of the Board of Missions for the year ending June 13, 1844, certify that they have performed that duty, and find his vouchers for disbursements in due form, and the aggregate amounts correctly added.

ASA EATON,
W. RAYMOND LEE.

FORM OF PAROCHIAL REPORT, AS AMENDED AND ADOPTED BY THE CONVENTION OF 1840.

Church.	Place.	Minister.	Baptisms.		Communicants.			Confirmed.	Marriages.	Burials.	Sunday School Scholars.	Missionary Contributions.		Other contributions for religious purposes, each object to be particularly specified.
			Infants.	Adults.	Added.	Died, or removed.	Present Number.					General Board.	Mass. Board.	

N. B. It is expected that the clergyman will make such observations as to give a comprehensive view of the state of his parish and of his ministerial services during the past year.

Constitution

OF THE

PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH

IN THE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS,

AS AMENDED

IN CONVENTION, JUNE, 1841.

ARTICLE I.

THIS Church, as a constituent part of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, accedes to the General Constitution of that Church, and acknowledges its authority.

ARTICLE II.

There shall be a stated Convention of the Church in this commonwealth, at Boston, on the second Wednesday in June, in every year; unless a different time and place be fixed on by a preceding Convention. Special meetings of the Convention shall be called by the Bishop, when, in his judgment, the good of the Church may require it, or when the Standing Committee shall request it. And when the Episcopal Chair is vacant, the Standing Committee shall have power to call such Convention. Provided, always, that no business shall be done at any special Convention, other than is specified in the notice calling such Convention.

ARTICLE III.

The Convention shall be composed of Clergymen and Laymen.

The Bishop, and the Assistant Bishop, when there is one, shall have a seat and a vote in the Convention. Every other clergy-

man of the Church, of whatever order, being a settled minister, or regularly officiating in some parish within this Commonwealth; or being a President, Professor, Tutor, or Instructor in some College or Seminary of learning, and performing clerical functions; or being a Missionary under the direction of the ecclesiastical authority of this commonwealth, or a Chaplain in the army or navy of the United States, or in any benevolent or other public institution, shall be entitled to a seat and vote in the Convention, if he have been actually as well as canonically resident within this State for the space of six calendar months next before the meeting of the Convention, and has, for the same period, been employed in performing the duties of his station, or have been canonically instituted. Provided, however, that no clergyman, otherwise entitled to a seat and vote in the Convention, shall, by reason of advanced years, or infirm health, or temporary absence, be divested of such privilege.

Every parish in this commonwealth, in union with this Convention, shall be entitled to send to the Convention a lay delegate, or delegates, not exceeding three, a certificate of whose appointment, signed by the Wardens or Parish Clerk, shall, before his or their admission to a seat, be laid before the Convention. Provided, that no person shall be competent to serve as a lay delegate unless he be a stated worshipper in the parish which he represents. The delegation from each parish shall be entitled, on a division, by orders, to but one vote.

ARTICLE IV.

New parishes may be admitted into union with this Convention, on motion, by a majority of votes, provided they shall have laid before the Convention written evidence, subscribed by the Wardens and Vestry, that they are duly organized, and accede to the Constitution and Canons of this Church.

ARTICLE V.

The Bishop of this Diocese shall preside in the Convention. But, in case of vacancy, or necessary absence, the members shall elect a president from among the clergy.

ARTICLE VI.

A Secretary shall be chosen upon the assembling of the Annual Convention, from among the members thereof, who shall remain in office until the meeting of the next Convention.

ARTICLE VII.

The members of the Convention present on due notification, and duly organized, shall constitute a quorum to transact the ordinary business of the Convention. The Clergy and lay delegates shall deliberate as one body, and vote as such, except when a division is called for; in which case, a concurrence of both orders shall be necessary to carry any measure. All elections shall be by ballot, unless otherwise ordered by the Convention.

ARTICLE VIII.

There shall be a Standing Committee, to consist of six members; three clergymen and three laymen. They shall keep regular minutes of their proceedings, and shall report the same annually to the Convention. A majority shall be a quorum.

ARTICLE IX.

This Constitution shall not be subject to alteration in any article except at the annual meeting of the Convention; nor unless such alteration shall have been proposed at least one annual meeting previous to its adoption.

Canon of 1828,

Respecting Contingent Expenses.

It shall be the duty of every parish in this State, after the first day of January, 1829, to raise and send to the Treasurer of the Convention, to defray the contingent expenses of the Church in this State, a sum of money annually, which shall be as much as *one per centum and one half of one per centum* on the salary of its minister; and those parishes which are destitute of a clergyman, and which are represented by lay delegates in the Convention, shall pay at least five dollars annually, or send a certified copy of a vote that they are unable to pay the same; and it shall be the duty of the Treasurer, to certify in his Annual Report, what parishes have neglected to comply with the requisitions of this Canon. The money thus raised and paid into the treasury of the Convention, shall be subject to appropriation by a majority of the votes of the Standing Committee, or of such committee as shall be appointed by the Convention; and the following appropriations shall always be deemed proper, namely: to pay the travelling expenses of the Bishop of this Convention; to pay the travelling expenses of such clerical members of the Convention as cannot afford to pay the same, not exceeding ten dollars to any clergyman in one year; to pay the travelling expenses of the clerical delegates to the General Triennial Convention, not exceeding twenty-five dollars to each clerical delegate; to pay to the delegates of the Church in this State to the General Convention, such sums as shall enable them to pay the quota assessed on the several Churches in this State by each General Convention, for the contingent expenses thereof; and to pay for publishing the Journals of this Convention, and such other publications as shall be published by order of this Convention; and every parish shall be entitled to five copies, at least, of every publication printed by order of the Convention.

Canon of the General Convention of 1835,

On the mode of securing an accurate view of the state of the Church, from time to time.

SECTION 1. As a full and accurate view of the state of the Church, from time to time, is highly useful and necessary, it is hereby ordered that every Minister of this Church shall present, or cause to be delivered, on or before the first day of every annual Convention, to the Bishop of the Diocese, or, where there is no Bishop, to the President of the Convention, a statement of the number of baptisms, confirmations, marriages, and funerals, and of the number of communicants in his parish or Church, and of all other matters that may throw light on the state of the same; and these parochial reports, or such parts of them as the Bishop shall think fit, shall be read and entered on the journals of the Convention. And every other clergyman not regularly settled in any parish or Church, shall also report to the ecclesiastical authority of his Diocese, the occasional services he may have performed; and, if he have performed no such services, the causes or reasons which have prevented the same.

Amendment of the Canon of 1843,

Respecting the increase of the Episcopal Fund.

IN every parish in this Diocese, a collection shall be annually made on Trinity Sunday, and paid over to the Treasurer of the Trustees of Donations to the Protestant Episcopal Church in this Commonwealth, to be added to the permanent fund for the support of the Bishop of this Diocese; and the said Treasurer shall report annually to this Convention, the amount by him received from each parish.

A.

Circular. — The Indian Mission.

The undersigned, as Chairman of the Committee of the Board of Missions, to whom it was referred to take into consideration the Scheme of AN INDIAN MISSION, offered to the Board, by the Domestic Committee, and report thereon at the next annual meeting; and, in the meanwhile, to notify every Diocesan Convention of the Church, that such a scheme is under consideration in the Board, with a view to its presentation at the General Convention, hereby complies with the instructions of the Committee, in transmitting to the Convention of the Diocese of Massachusetts the Scheme which follows.

For the Committee,

G. W. DOANE, *Chairman.*

Riverside, March 12th, 1844.

SCHEME.

§ 1. The "Indian Territory," as being now the permanent national home of the Red Man, to be recognized and declared by the Church a distinct Episcopal charge, under the title of the "Indian Diocese."

§ 2. The ecclesiastical rights and administration of the Indian Diocese, as involving peculiar circumstances, to be regulated by special canon.

§ 3. A Bishop for the same to be elected in the same manner as the Missionary Bishops, and consecrated so soon as one may be found fitted and willing for this arduous charge, and content to devote his energies through life to the spiritual interests of his red brethren, with provision for an Assistant in case of necessity.

The manner and conditions of election of such Assistant to be also provided for by the canon regulating the Indian Diocese.

§ 4. The Bishop thus chosen to be ecclesiastically independent of the Board of Missions, yet holding such voluntary connection and correspondence with it as the needs of his Diocese may require, and reporting to and through it accordingly.

§ 5. The Treasurer of the Domestic Committee to be instructed to open with the Church a special account for Indian Missions, to be entitled "The Indian Branch Treasury," and in all his reports to distinguish the items of the same from general receipts and expenditure.

B.

The following is the proposed Tenth Article of the Constitution of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, communicated by the General Convention of 1841, to the several Diocesan Conventions:

ARTICLE 10. Bishops for foreign countries, on due application therefrom, may be consecrated, with the approbation of the Bishops of this Church, or a majority of them, signified to the presiding Bishop; he thereupon taking order for the same, and they being satisfied that the person designated for the office has been duly chosen, and properly qualified. The order of consecration to be conformed, as nearly as may be, in the judgment of the Bishops, to the one used in this Church. Such Bishops, so consecrated, shall not be eligible to the office of Diocesan, or assistant Bishop, in any Diocese in the United States, nor be entitled to a seat in the House of Bishops, nor exercise any Episcopal authority in said States.

The following is the proposed alteration in the Prayer Book:

Resolved, That it be made known to the several Diocesan Conventions, that it is proposed, at the next General Convention, to erase the words, "associated Rector," and also the word, "state," wherever they occur in former editions of the Institution office.

"TRUSTEES OF DONATIONS *to the Protestant Episcopal Church in Massachusetts.*"

The Treasurer of this Corporation, as directed by the canon of the Convention of 1843, respectfully reports that he has received the following sums during the past year, which have been added to the Permanent Fund for the support of the Episcopate in this Diocese, viz.:

From St. Paul's Church, Boston,	$150 00
Grace do. do.	50 00
St. Peter's, Salem,	50 00
St. Paul's, Newburyport,	40 00
Trinity, Van Deusenville,	12 50
St. Luke's, Chelsea,	5 00
	$307 50

BENJ. HOWARD, *Treasurer.*

Boston, June 13th, 1844.

LIST OF THE CLERGY

OF THE

Diocese of Massachusetts.

JUNE, A. D., 1844.

The Right Rev. MANTON EASTBURN, D. D., Bishop of the Diocese, and Rector of Trinity Church, Boston.

The Rev. ETHAN ALLEN, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Otis.

The Rev. SAMUEL B. BABCOCK, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Dedham.

The Rev. EDWARD BALLARD, Rector of St. Stephen's Church, Pittsfield.

The Rev. WILLIAM S. BARTLET, Rector of St. Luke's Church, Chelsea.

The Rev. HENRY H. BATES, officiating in Connecticut.

The Rev. ALFRED L. BAURY, Rector of St. Mary's Church, Newton Lower Falls.

The Rev. NATHANIEL T. BENT, Rector of St. Thomas's Church, Taunton.

The Rev. HENRY BLACKALLER, officiating in Vermont.

The Rev. SILAS BLAISDALE, Rector of St. James's Church, Amesbury.

The Rev. JOHN L. BLAKE, D. D., residing in New York.

The Rev. ISAAC BOYLE, D. D., Treasurer of the Convention, residing in Boston, occasionally officiating.

The Rev. DARIUS R. BREWER, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Cambridgeport.

The Rev. HENRY BURROUGHS, Jr. Rector of St. John's Church, Northampton.

The Rev. CLEMENT M. BUTLER, Rector of Grace Church, Boston.

The Rev. GEORGE T. CHAPMAN, D. D., Minister of All Saints' Church, Worcester.

The Rev. ROBERT M. CHAPMAN, Rector of Trinity Church, Van Deusenville, and Trinity Church, Lenox.

The Rev. ORANGE CLARK, D. D., Missionary in the Western District of the Diocese.

The Rev. JOSEPH H. CLINCH, Rector of St. Matthew's Church, South Boston.

The Rev. WILLIAM COOK, deacon, residing in Salem.

The Rev. SAMUEL CUTLER, Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Hanover, and Trinity Church, Marshfield.

The Rev. JOHN S. DAVENPORT, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Newburyport.

The Rev. ASA EATON, D. D., residing in Boston.

The Rev. THEODORE EDSON, Rector of St. Anne's Church, Lowell.

The Rev. JUSTIN FIELD, Jr., residing in Roxbury.

The Rev. FRANCIS A. FOXCROFT.

The Rev. DANIEL L. B. GOODWIN, Rector of St. John's Church, Wilkinsonville.

The Rev. PATRICK H. GREENLEAF, Rector of St. John's Church, Charlestown.

The Rev. SAMUEL HASSARD, Rector of St. James's Church, Great Barrington.

The Rev. NICHOLAS HOPPIN, Rector of Christ Church, Cambridge.

The Rev. JAMES B. HOWE, residing in Boston.

The Rev. M. A. DeWolfe Howe, Rector of St. James's Church, Roxbury.

The Rev. Thomas R. Lambert, Rector of Grace Church, New Bedford.

The Rev. Daniel Leach, Teacher of a Classical School, in Roxbury, occasionally officiating.

The Rev. Henry W. Lee, Secretary of the Convention, and Rector of Christ Church, Springfield.

The Rev. Newton E. Marble, Rector of Trinity Church, Bridgewater.

The Rev. Charles Mason, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Salem.

The Rev. Amos D. McCoy, Rector of St. Luke's Church, Lowell.

The Rev. George Packard, Rector of Christ Church, Andover.

The Rev. Samuel P. Parker, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Stockbridge.

The Rev. Jacob Pearson, Rector of St. John's Church, Ashfield.

The Rev. F. W. J. Pollard, Rector of Trinity Church, Nantucket.

The Rev. F. C. Putnam, officiating in New Jersey.

The Rev. George M. Randall, Rector of the Church of the Messiah, Boston.

The Rev. John P. Robinson.

The Rev. Thomas G. Salter.

The Rev. Addison Searle, Chaplain in the United States Navy, residing in Boston.

The Rev. Samuel B. Shaw, Rector of St. Luke's Church, Lanesborough.

The Rev. George C. Shepard, D. D., Rector of St. John's Church, Jamaica Plain.

The Rev. THEODORE W. SNOW, Missionary in the Southern District of the Diocese.

The Rev. M. P. STICKNEY, Rector of St. Michael's Church, Marblehead.

The Rev. TITUS STRONG, D. D., Rector of St. James's Church, Greenfield.

The Rev. ALEXANDER H. VINTON, D. D., Rector of St. Paul's Church, Boston.

The Rev. JOHN L. WATSON, Assistant Minister on the Greene Foundation, Trinity Church, Boston.

The Rev. E. M. P. WELLS, Minister of the City Mission Chapel, Boston.

The Rev. WILLIAM WITHINGTON.

The Rev. JOHN WOART, Rector of Christ Church, Boston.

[Total, 57.]

The Rev. AMOS PARDEE, of the Diocese of New York, residing in Lanesborough.

DIOCESE OF MASSACHUSETTS....1844.

The Rt. Rev. MANTON EASTBURN, D. D., Bishop. Residence, Boston.

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Boston, June 11, 1845.

This being the time and place for the Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the Diocese of Massachusetts, the Rt. Rev. the Bishop, with divers of the Clergy and Laity, assembled in Trinity Church, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

Morning Prayer was read by the Rev. Joseph H. Clinch, Rector of St. Matthew's Church, South Boston. The Ante-Communion Service was read by the Bishop, the Rev. Samuel Cutler, Rector of St. Andrew's, Hanover, reading the Epistle. A sermon was preached by the Rev. M. A. D'Wolfe Howe, Rector of St. James's, Roxbury, from 1 Cor. iv. 1, — "*Let a man so account of us, as of the ministers of Christ, and stewards of the mysteries of God;*" — after which a collection was made at the Offertory, in aid of the Society for the Relief of the Widows and Orphans of deceased Clergymen of the Diocese. The Holy Communion was then administered by the Bishop, assisted by the Rev. Messrs. Ballard and Cutler.

The congregation having retired, the Bishop took the chair, and directed a list of such of the Clergy of the Diocese as are entitled to seats, to be called by the Secretary, when the following appeared and answered to their names:

The Rt. Rev. MANTON EASTBURN, D. D.

The Rev.		Samuel B. Babcock,	The Rev.		Thomas R. Lambert,
"	"	Edward Ballard,	"	"	Daniel Leach,
"	"	William S. Bartlet,	"	"	Henry W. Lee,
"	"	Alfred L. Baury,	"	"	Amos D. McCoy,
"	"	Nathaniel T. Bent,	"	"	George Packard,
"	"	Isaac Boyle, D. D.,	"	"	Jacob Pearson,
"	"	Henry Burroughs, Jr.,	"	"	George M. Randall,
"	"	Clement M. Butler,	"	"	Thomas G. Salter,
"	"	G. T. Chapman, D. D.,	"	"	Addison Searle,
"	"	Moses B. Chase,	"	"	Samuel B. Shaw,
"	"	Orange Clark, D. D.,	"	"	Geo. C. Shepard, D. D.,
"	"	Joseph H. Clinch,	"	"	Theodore W. Snow,
"	"	William Croswell,	"	"	Moses P. Stickney,
"	"	Samuel Cutler,	"	"	Titus Strong, D. D.,
"	"	Asa Eaton, D. D.,	"	"	A. H. Vinton, D. D.,
"	"	Theodore Edson,	"	"	Edward A. Washburn,
"	"	Daniel G. Estes,	"	"	John L. Watson,
"	"	Patrick H. Greenleaf,	"	"	E. M. P. Wells,
"	"	Samuel Hassard,	"	"	George D. Wildes,
"	"	Nicholas Hoppin,	"	"	John Woart.
"	"	M. A. D'Wolfe Howe,			

The certificates of Lay Delegates * were then presented and read, as follows:

Trinity Church, Boston. William D. Sohier, Edward H. Robbins, George C. Shattuck, Jr.

St. Paul's Church, Boston. Simon Greenleaf, *Henry Codman*, Edward S. Rand, Jr.

Christ Church, Boston. *E. W. Goddard*, James Salter, William A. Haslem.

Grace Church, Boston. Benjamin Howard, Robert Farley, Israel Lombard.

Church of the Messiah, Boston. P. S. Wheelock, Isaac Newton, Benjamin S. Codman.

* Those whose names are in *italics* were not present at the Convention.

St. Matthew's Church, South Boston. William T. Parker, Pliny Smith, Edward H. Brainard.

St. Luke's Church, Chelsea. Stephen D. Massey, Horace Stearns, Sebeus C. Maine.

St. Peter's Church, Cambridgeport. Isaac Lum, John Dallinger.

Christ Church, Cambridge. C. G. Pickman, *William E. Carter, S. P. P. Fay.*

St. John's Church, Charlestown. Samuel E. Watson, John Curtis, Jr., George A. Kettell.

St. Mary's Church, Newton Lower Falls. Ezra Warren, William Mills.

St. James's Church, Amesbury. Stephen Webster, Philip Osgood, R. B. Blasdell.

St. Paul's Church, Newburyport. Edward S. Rand, Nathaniel Foster, Elbridge G. Kelley.

Christ Church, Andover. John Parnell, John Derby, *James Byers.*

St. Michael's Church, Marblehead. Richard Girdler, Thomas Evans, Elias Smethurst.

St. Anne's Church, Lowell. Samuel Lawrence, John O. Green, Samuel H. Elliott.

St. Luke's Church, Lowell. Luke Whitney, Edward J. Payne, Edward Taylor.

St. Peter's Church, Salem. Joseph Adams, Stephen Whitmore, Jr., John S. Harrison.

St. James's Church, Roxbury. William Raymond Lee, Ebenezer Rhoades, Francis Hilliard.

St. John's Church, Jamaica Plain. James S. Amory, Amos A. Lawrence, Phineas Capen.

St. Paul's Church, Dedham. Ira Cleveland, Joseph W. Clarke, John Drayton.

Christ Church, Quincy. Antipas Harrington, *George Veazie,* Ezra Walker.

St. Andrew's Church, Hanover. Henry Bowers, John Cushing, *Gad J. Bailey.*

Trinity Church, Bridgewater. John Edson, George Hooker, *George L. Edson.*

St. Thomas's Church, Taunton. William A. Crocker, Lovett Morse, Lewis R. Chesbrough.

Grace Church, New Bedford. *Thomas Riddell,* Samuel Lumbard, *George Macomber.*

Trinity Church, Nantucket. Samuel H. Jenks, John F. Macy, Charles Pendexter.

St. John's Church, Wilkinsonville. Joshua Armsby, *Harvey Dodge.*

All Saints' Church, Worcester. Henry K. Newcomb, Sumner Pratt.

Christ Church, Clappville. *Duty Salsbury, Abishar Larned,* James L. Scott.

Christ Church, Springfield. James Barnes, John B. Stebbins.

St. John's Church, Northampton. Edward E. Denniston, *Henry Bright, William Wilson.*

St. Luke's Church, Lanesboro'. *Abisl Platt, Stoddard Hubbell, Jason Newton.*

St. Stephen's Church, Pittsfield. *Jonathan Allen, George S. Willis, Charles T. Bulkley.*

St. James's Church, Great Barrington. Samuel Rossiter, *John D. Cushing, George Pyncheon.*

The Convention then proceeded to the choice of a Secretary, and the Rev. HENRY W. LEE, Rector of Christ Church, Springfield, was unanimously reëlected.

The Bishop appointed the following Committees:

Committee of Qualification. The Rev. Edward Ballard, the Rev. M. A. D'Wolfe Howe, and Mr. William A. Crocker.

Committee on New Parishes. The Rev. Alexander H. Vinton, D.D., and Messrs. Simon Greenleaf, and Samuel Lawrence.

Committee of Finance. The Rev. Titus Strong, D. D., Dr. E. H. Robbins, and Mr. Benjamin Howard.

Executive Committee. The Rev. Asa Eaton, D. D., the Rev. Samuel B. Shaw, and the Rev. Wm. Croswell.

Committee on Unfinished Business. The Rev. P. H. Greenleaf, and Mr. William Raymond Lee.

On motion,

Voted, That the Rules of Order of the last Convention be adopted by this Convention.

Rules of Order.

RULE I. When the President takes the chair, no member shall continue standing, or shall afterwards stand up, except to address the Chair.

No member shall absent himself from the house, unless he have leave, or be unable to attend.

When any member is about to speak, or deliver any matter to the house, he shall, with due respect, address himself to the President, confining himself strictly to the point in debate.

No member shall speak more than twice in the same debate, without leave of the house; nor more than once, until others desiring to speak shall have spoken.

While the President is putting any question, the members shall continue in their seats, and shall not hold any private discourse.

Every member who shall be in the house, when any question is put, shall vote, unless he be personally interested in the question, or shall be excused by the Convention for reasons assigned.

RULE II. No motion shall be considered as before the Convention unless seconded by a member not belonging to the same parish with the mover; and every motion, when required by any member, shall be reduced to writing.

RULE III. When the report of a committee is presented, it shall be read and entered on the minutes, unless otherwise determined by the house; and, if accompanied by resolutions, the question shall be on adopting them.

RULE IV. When a question is before the Convention, it shall be in order—

1. To lay on the table;
2. To postpone to a day certain;
3. To commit;
4. To amend;
5. To postpone indefinitely;

and a motion for any one of these proceedings may be considered as having precedence in the order in which they are here named; and a question on any of these proceedings shall be decided before the original motion.

RULE V. An address or communication from the Bishop shall be in order at any time.

RULE VI. Any member may call for the division of a question, when the sense will admit of it.

RULE VII. The question of adjournment shall always be in order; and that, together with a motion to lay on the table, shall be decided without debate.

RULE VIII. The votes by orders may be called, whenever desired by any member of the Convention; and, when called, shall be entered on the minutes.

RULE IX. On all questions of order, the President shall decide, subject to an appeal to the house.

RULE X. A question, being decided, shall not be reconsidered during the same session, without the consent of two thirds of the members present, nor unless the motion to reconsider be made and seconded by members who voted in the majority on the original decision.

The Rev. Mr. Greenleaf presented a certificate of the organization of the Church of the Advent, Boston, which was referred to the Committee on New Parishes.

The Rev. Mr. Wildes presented a certificate of the organization of St. Stephen's Church, Lynn, which was referred to the same Committee.

The Rev. Mr. Snow presented a certificate of the organization of Christ Church, Plymouth, which was referred in like manner.

The Rt. Rev. the Bishop of the Diocese of New Hamp-

shire, appearing in the Convention, it was, on motion of the Rev. Dr. Strong,

Voted, That the said Rt. Rev. Bishop be invited to sit at the right of the President while attending the sessions of the Convention.

On motion,

Voted, That Clergymen not entitled to seats in this Convention, and Candidates for Holy Orders be admitted to its sittings. The following accordingly appeared and took their seats in the Convention:

The Rev. Jesse Pound, of the Diocese of New York.
" " George Waters, of the Diocese of New York.
" " N. S. Harris, of the Diocese of New York.
" " B. C. C. Parker, of the Diocese of New York.
" " William W. Spear, of the Diocese of Pennsylvania.
" " Cameron F. McRae, of the Diocese of N. Carolina.
" " Robert B. Hall, of the Diocese of Rhode Island.
" " Thomas L. Randolph, of the Diocese of Rhode Island.
" " Thomas M. Fales, of the Diocese of Maine.
" " William Horton, of the Diocese of New Hampshire.
" " S. M. Emery, of the Diocese of Connecticut.
" " W. H. C. Yeager, of the Diocese of Florida.
" " William B. Stevens, of the Diocese of Georgia.
" " E. K. Downing, of the Diocese of South Carolina.
" " John P. Robinson, of the Diocese of Massachusetts.
" " William Withington, of the Diocese of Massachusetts.
" " Thomas M. Smith, of the Diocese of Massachusetts.
" " Thornton W. Clapp, of the Diocese of Massachusetts.
" " John S. Davenport, of the Diocese of Massachusetts.

Messrs. Shipley Wells Willson, Samuel A. Clark, and N. G. Allen, Candidates for Holy Orders.

On motion,

Voted, That the Committee of Qualification and the Committee on New Parishes be allowed to sit immediately.

On motion,

Voted, That when the Convention adjourn, it adjourn to meet at half past 4 o'clock, P. M.

Adjourned.

Trinity Church, Wednesday, June 11,
half past 4 *o'clock, P. M.*

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

The Rev. Dr. Vinton, for the Committee on New Parishes, reported that the parishes whose certificates of organization had been referred to said Committee were duly organized, and recommended that they be admitted into union with this Convention.

The report was adopted.

Whereupon, certificates of the appointment of the following Lay Delegates from said parishes were read:

Church of the Advent, Boston. Theron Metcalf, Richard H. Dana, Jr., C. P. Gordon.

St. Stephen's Church, Lynn. Edward S. Davis, Benjamin T. Reed, James R. Newhall.

Christ Church, Plymouth. Oliver T. Wood, Nathan W. Holmes, Henry Mills.

Edward S. Rand, Jr., Secretary of the Standing Committee, presented the following Report:

Report of the Standing Committee.

The Standing Committee of the Diocese of Massachusetts, in accordance with the provisions of the eighth article of the constitution, make the following report of their doings during the past ecclesiastical year:

At their first meeting, on the 6th of July, 1844, the Committee was organized by the choice of the Rev. Dr. Vinton, as President, and Edward S. Rand, Jr., as Secretary; and since that time, they have held regular monthly meetings, though the amount of business which has come before them, has been much less than usual.

They have signed the canonical certificates, upon the proper testimonials having been presented, in favor of the reception of Lewis Green, Joseph A. Stone, Samuel A. Clark, and Shipley Wells Willson, as Candidates for Holy Orders.

They have also signed the canonical certificates in favor of

James Jackson, Edmund F. Slafter, Thornton W. Clapp, Daniel Gordon Estes, Edward A. Washburn, Thomas M. Smith, and Robert B. Hall, applying for admission to Deacon's Orders; and in favor of Newton E. Marble, Daniel Gordon Estes, and Edward A. Washburn, applying for admission to the Holy Order of Priests. All which is respectfully submitted.

EDWARD S. RAND, Jr., *Secretary*.

June 11, 1845.

The report was accepted.

The Treasurer of the Convention made a partial report, which was ordered to lie on the table.

The Committee of Qualification made the following Report, which was accepted:

Report.

The Committee of Qualification, "to whom was referred all matters relative to the right of membership, and the certificates of Lay Delegates," ask leave to report as follows:

That of the Clergy, the following being actually and canonically resident within this Diocese, and otherwise qualified according to the third article of the constitution, are entitled to seats:

The Rt. Rev. the Bishop of the Diocese, the Rev. Samuel B. Babcock, the Rev. Edward Ballard, the Rev. W. S. Bartlet, the Rev. Alfred L. Baury, the Rev. N. T. Bent, the Rev. Isaac Boyle, D. D., the Rev. Henry Burroughs, Jr., the Rev. Clement M. Butler, the Rev. George T. Chapman, D. D., the Rev. M. B. Chase, the Rev. William Croswell, the Rev. Orange Clark, D. D., the Rev. J. H. Clinch, the Rev. Samuel Cutler, the Rev. Asa Eaton, D. D., the Rev. Theodore Edson, the Rev. Daniel G. Estes, the Rev. D. L. B. Goodwin, the Rev. P. H. Greenleaf, the Rev. S. Hassard, the Rev. N. Hoppin, the Rev. M. A. D'W. Howe, the Rev. T. R. Lambert, the Rev. Daniel Leach, the Rev. Henry W. Lee, the Rev. Charles Mason, the Rev. A. D. McCoy, the Rev. Geo. Packard, the Rev. S. P. Parker, the Rev. J. Pearson, the Rev. G. M. Randall, the Rev. T. G. Salter, the Rev. Addison Searle, the Rev. G. C. Shepard, D. D., the Rev. Edmund F. Slafter, the Rev. S. B. Shaw, the Rev. M. P. Stickney, the Rev. T. W. Snow,

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Boston, June 11, 1845.

This being the time and place for the Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the Diocese of Massachusetts, the Rt. Rev. the Bishop, with divers of the Clergy and Laity, assembled in Trinity Church, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

Morning Prayer was read by the Rev. Joseph H. Clinch, Rector of St. Matthew's Church, South Boston. The Ante-Communion Service was read by the Bishop, the Rev. Samuel Cutler, Rector of St. Andrew's, Hanover, reading the Epistle. A sermon was preached by the Rev. M. A. D'Wolfe Howe, Rector of St. James's, Roxbury, from 1 Cor. iv. 1, — "*Let a man so account of us, as of the ministers of Christ, and stewards of the mysteries of God;*" — after which a collection was made at the Offertory, in aid of the Society for the Relief of the Widows and Orphans of deceased Clergymen of the Diocese. The Holy Communion was then administered by the Bishop, assisted by the Rev. Messrs. Ballard and Cutler.

The congregation having retired, the Bishop took the chair, and directed a list of such of the Clergy of the Diocese as are entitled to seats, to be called by the Secretary, when the following appeared and answered to their names:

of this Church; and I cannot help expressing my satisfaction at the taste, propriety, and good judgment, with which the needed change has been carried into effect. On entering the building, the eye is at once struck with its church-like appearance. Both externally, and within, it may justly claim the praise of being one of the most appropriate and beautiful sanctuaries to be found in this Diocese.

On Monday, August 5, in the afternoon, laid the corner stone of St. Luke's Church, Chelsea. On this interesting occasion, there were present most of the Clergy of Boston and its vicinity, and a numerous assemblage of other persons; and thankful praises arose, I doubt not, from many a heart, for this commencement of an Episcopal sacred temple in that beautiful and rapidly growing town.

On Tuesday, September 3, in St. Mary's, Newton, Lower Falls, confirmed 6 in the afternoon; and afterwards examined a numerous and interesting band of children in the Church Catechism. The interest of the occasion was increased by the presence of the Right Rev. the Bishop of Illinois, then on a visit to this parish in prosecution of the claims of Jubilee College, in his Diocese, upon the support of Episcopalians. The Bishop read the Preface to the Confirmation Service. I was gratified to find, that, since my last visit to this Church, a substantial vestry-room had been erected. A want, in regard to convenience and propriety, has thus been supplied, which has long been felt here.

On Thursday, September 5, in St. John's, Wilkinsonville, confirmed 6 in the afternoon. One of the persons confirmed on this occasion was a young man, visited by divine Providence with the afflicting dispensation of being deaf and dumb, and formerly a pupil of the Asylum at Hartford. But, deprived as he had been of those avenues to spiritual knowledge which others enjoy, he had gratefully improved the means which he possessed;

and the present transaction exhibited the result of his use of talents received. What a condemnation does his case pronounce upon those, who, in the midst of the fullest and most abundant privileges, still continue to live without preparation for the world to come!

On the evening of this day, I preached a second time in the same church, and then catechized the children.

On the Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity, September 8, in the temporary place of worship occupied by the congregation of All Saints', Worcester, preached in the morning; and in the afternoon confirmed 9. I afterwards administered the rite of Confirmation to an infirm member of the parish, in a private house.

On Monday, September 9, preached in Christ Church, Clappville, in the afternoon.

On Wednesday, September 11, preached in St. Mark's, Blandford, in the afternoon; and again preached, on the evening of the same day, in the school house at the North Meadow.

On Thursday, September 12, preached in the afternoon in St. Paul's Church, Otis.

On the morning of Friday, September 13, I had the great pleasure of consecrating the beautiful edifice of St. Paul's, Stockbridge. This church was built after a design furnished by Mr. Upjohn, of New York; and it is a striking example of the impressive effect that may be produced, at a very moderate cost, and with materials of the most ordinary description, when the whole is placed under the control of architectural genius and skill. No person, capable of emotions from such sources, can fail to be affected with the devotional and solemn simplicity of the sanctuary of which I am now speaking. It is an ornament to the village in which it stands, and to the Diocese to which it belongs. On this occasion, so gratifying to the indefatigable minister of St. Paul's, and to his parishioners who had long been looking forward to the completion of their house of prayer, there

were present several of the clergy of the diocese; and also the Rev. Mr. Benton, of the diocese of Connecticut, and the Rev. Mr. Kip, of the diocese of New York. The latter clergyman preached in the new church in the afternoon; and after the sermon I catechized the children of the parish.

On the next day, Saturday, September 14, I instituted the Rev. Samuel P. Parker Rector of this parish.

On the Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity, September 15, in St. James's, Great Barrington, baptized an infant, and confirmed 7 persons, in the morning; and in the afternoon preached a second time in Trinity Church, Van Deusenville.

On Tuesday, September 17, preached in the afternoon in Trinity Church, Lenox.

On Wednesday, September 18, in St. Stephen's, Pittsfield, confirmed 3 in the afternoon, and examined the children in the Church Catechism; and again preached in the evening.

I was obliged to leave unfinished, at this time, my visitation of the Western portion of the Diocese, owing to an engagement in New York connected with the affairs of the General Theological Seminary. After a week spent in that city, I proceeded to Philadelphia, for the purpose of attending the meeting of the General Convention of our Church. Here it pleased divine Providence to visit me with a severe and dangerous illness, which deprived me, for more than one half of the time during which the Convention sat, of the privilege of uniting with my Right Reverend brethren of the House of Bishops, in deliberations for the good of our common household of faith. In some of their measures, however, of a highly important character, I was enabled to take a part; and for that heavenly mercy which blest both the medical skill exerted for my recovery, and the assiduous and affectionate care of the friends under whose roof I was protected, I desire to record my fervent gratitude. May the life which has been spared be devoted, as a living sacrifice, to the glory of the Giver!

You are aware that, among the acts of this General Convention, was the passage of a Canon making it lawful for any Bishop, upon being requested so to do by a resolution of the Convention of his Diocese, to admit to the order of Deacons persons not tried and examined as prescribed in the canons relating to this subject, under certain limitations and restrictions. This measure was advocated chiefly on the ground of the good which was likely to be effected by it, in the Southern and South Western portions of the United States; and I sincerely hope that all the benefit anticipated from its adoption may be accomplished. But in regard to a Diocese like that in which our lot is cast, the exercise of the power conferred by this Canon would, in my opinion, retard, instead of advancing, the progress of our Church. In order to operate with advantage upon a population so intellectual as this in its character, and among which the blessings of education are so generally diffused, a well prepared body of Clergy is indispensable. To be useful, those who are invested with the ministerial commission, in any of its orders, must be persons able, by their qualifications, to command respect. These being my views of the subject, I have thought it proper thus explicitly to state them; confident, at the same time, that from a large majority of those who hear me, both Clergy and Laity, they will meet with a cordial response.

On Thursday, October 31, I left Boston for New-Bedford, for the purpose of holding an Ordination in Grace Church, in that town, on the following day. Another attack of illness, however, prevented me from performing this duty; although I was so much better on the morning of Saturday, November 2, as to be able to confirm 4 persons at my lodgings, who were anxious to receive that sacred rite. The Bishop of Kentucky arriving soon after, did me the favor to hold the Ordination in my stead; and admitted to Deacon's Orders Mr. Thomas M. Smith, late an ordained Min-

ister of the Congregational denomination, and Mr. George D. Wildes, Candidates for Orders of this Diocese.

On the following day, the Twenty-Second Sunday after Trinity, November 3, in Grace Church, Boston, the Bishop of Kentucky, kindly acting by my request, confirmed 19 persons in the evening.

On Tuesday, November 12, in Trinity Church, Boston, I confirmed a Candidate for Orders of this Diocese.

The same day, at an Ordination held in Trinity Church, Boston, admitted to Deacon's Orders Mr. Robert B. Hall, a Candidate for Orders of this Diocese, and late an ordained Minister of the Congregational denomination. The Sermon was preached by the Rev. Mr. Butler, Rector of Grace Church, Boston. Mr. Hall was soon afterwards appointed Rector of Trinity Church, Newport, Rhode Island, and consequently removed from this Diocese with letters dimissory to the Bishop of the Diocese within which his parish is included.

On Wednesday, December 4, at an Ordination held in Trinity Church, Boston, admitted to Priest's Orders the Rev. Newton E. Marble, Deacon, Rector of Trinity Church, Bridgewater. The Rev. Mr. Randall preached the Sermon on this occasion.

From Tuesday, December 10, until Friday, January 3, 1845, it was my painful duty to be occupied in New York, as a member of the Court convened under the IIId Canon of 1844, for the trial of the Rt. Rev. Benjamin T. Onderdonk, D. D., Bishop of New York, on a presentment made by the Bishops of Virginia, Tennessee, and Georgia; and, on this occasion, I united with a majority of the Court in giving judgment against the accused, in regard to six of the offences laid to his charge.

On the Second Sunday after Christmas-Day, January 5, in the temporary place of worship occupied by the congregation of the Church of the Messiah, Boston, I confirmed 16 in the evening.

On Wednesday, January 15, in St. Paul's, Stockbridge, confirmed 8 in the afternoon. On the morning of this day a

sermon was preached by the Rev. Mr. Tuttle, of the Diocese of New York; whose instructions from the pulpit were followed by a short address by myself from the chancel. In the evening a public meeting was held of the Western District Church Missionary Association; on which occasion, after addresses on the subject of Missions by the Rector of the parish, and the Rev. Messrs. Ballard and Lee, I spoke to the congregation on this all-important topic. A collection was made in aid of the Diocesan missionary funds. It was a matter of regret with me, that the other clergy belonging to this Association were unavoidably prevented from attending this meeting; for the good that grows out of such occasions is incalculable. May nothing have power to diminish your interest in them, my Reverend brethren! Besides uniting the Lord's ministering servants together in the bonds of fraternal love, the influence they exert in promoting an interest in the missionary cause among the people is unquestionably very great. I was gratified, and indeed surprised, on entering the Church at Stockbridge on the evening referred to, to find that a crowded congregation had assembled from the village, and from the neighboring towns, notwithstanding the inclemency of the season. When the people are thus willing to listen to exhortations on the duty of furthering God's kingdom, let not the Clergy be found backward in administering encouragement and admonition.

On Septuagesima Sunday, January 19, I preached in the evening in a temporary place of worship in Merrimack street, in the northwestern part of this city, occupied by the congregation of a newly incorporated parish, under the name of the Church of the Advent. The Rev. William Croswell is its Rector, having been received into this Diocese with letters dimissory from the Bishop of Western New York. In this district of Boston there is ample room for the establishment of a large congregation.

On Thursday, February 6, I performed the gratifying duty of consecrating St. Luke's Church, Chelsea; the corner stone of which, as I have already recorded, was laid in August last.

This beautiful structure was designed by the same distinguished architect who planned St. Paul's, Stockbridge; and is equally entitled with that to the praise of accomplishing a striking effect, with a very small expenditure. Most of the Clergy of this city, and of the neighborhood, were present at the interesting solemnity. God grant, that, by the divine blessing upon the word and ordinances, dispensed within this solemn and commodious sanctuary, multitudes may be brought to the saving knowledge of that Redeemer, whom to know 'is life eternal!'

On the evening of this same day, at St. Luke's, Lowell, I confirmed 6 persons; together with 5 others from the parish of St. Anne's, in that town: making, in all, 11.

On the First Sunday in Lent, February 9, in St. Peter's, Cambridgeport, confirmed 6 in the evening.

On the Second Sunday in Lent, February 16, in Christ Church, Boston, confirmed 12 in the afternoon.

On the Fifth Sunday in Lent, March 9, in Trinity Church, Boston, confirmed 10 in the morning.

On the afternoon of the same day, in Christ Church, Cambridge, confirmed 5; and afterwards a sick person in a private house.

On Tuesday, March 11, in Christ Church, Andover, confirmed 5 in the evening.

On the Sunday next before Easter, March 16, in St. John's, Charlestown, confirmed 15 in the evening.

On Monday in Easter-Week, March 24, in the afternoon, the gratifying duty was performed by me of laying the corner stone of St. Stephen's Free Chapel, in this city. This sanctuary, the gift of a munificent member of our Church, whose liberality was recorded in my Address to the former Convention, was commenced during the last year; but the work of building had not proceeded far, when the severity of winter compelled its discontinuance. The ceremony above mentioned was witnessed by a large number of persons, including many members of our Church; who appeared to feel the deepest interest and pleasure in th

good work thus commenced. It is expected that the Chapel will be ready for consecration before the present year has closed.

On the First Sunday after Easter, March 30, in the Chapel of the Boston Episcopal City Mission, Pearl Street, I confirmed 20 in the evening. These, added to the 16 confirmed in this Chapel in July last, make the whole number confirmed there, during the twelve months past, 36.

On the Second Sunday after Easter, April 6, I preached in the evening in a Chapel which has been opened in Ann street, in this city, for the purpose of promoting the spiritual welfare of seamen and others in that populous district. The Rev. Mr. Robinson, having resigned the charge of Christ Church, Quincy, of which he was formerly Rector, is now the officiating minister in this truly missionary field. The benevolent undertaking thus begun, and for the means of whose support we are indebted to the exertions of several members of our Church in Boston, holds out encouraging prospects of permanence and success. May that God, from whom cometh every good and perfect gift, send down upon it the healthful spirit of his grace, and pour upon it the continual dew of his blessing!

On Wednesday, April 9, in St. Peter's, Salem, I confirmed 15 in the evening. I am happy to state, in connexion with the record of this visit to St. Peter's, the fact that the Vestry have determined to enlarge the parish Church. With this view they have applied to Mr. Upjohn to furnish them with a plan, the execution of which shall combine architectural improvement with greatly increased accommodation. This measure affords gratifying evidence of the continued blessing of God upon the faithful services of the Rector.

On Thursday, April 10, preached in the evening in St. Michael's Church, Marblehead.

On Tuesday, April 15, in St. Paul's, Newburyport, confirmed 5 in the evening.

On Wednesday, April 16, in St. James's, Amesbury, confirmed

5 in the afternoon. This congregation, I am glad to say, has, during the past winter, increased to such an extent, that the Vestry, under the sanction of the Commissioners for Church Extension, are endeavoring to procure the means of erecting a larger Church.

On Thursday, April 17, in St. John's, Charlestown, I confirmed an officer of the United States Navy, who had been prevented by indisposition from being present at the Confirmation held in this Church, during the preceding month.

On Tuesday, April 22, in Christ Church, Quincy, instituted the Rev. Orange Clark, D. D., Rector of that parish. Previously to Dr. Clark's election to this incumbency, the missionary station formerly held by him, in the Western District of this Diocese, had, by a resolution of the Board of Missions, been discontinued.

On Wednesday, April 23, in St. Andrew's, Hanover, preached in the afternoon, and catechized the children of the parish; and in the evening confirmed 1 person.

On Thursday, April 24, I had the satisfaction of administering the rite of Confirmation to 14 persons, in the ancient town of Plymouth; where, by the blessing of God upon the zealous and judicious labors of the Rev. Mr. Snow, the Missionary in the Southern District of this Diocese, a parish has been incorporated, under the name of Christ Church. The service was held in the evening, in a hall used for public worship by the congregation of this infant parish; and the circumstance that the present was the first official visit of a Bishop of our Church to this old and celebrated spot, gave the highest interest to the occasion. There were present of the clergy, besides Mr. Snow, the Rev. Mr. Cutler, of Hanover; and the Rev. Mr. Hall, who has already been referred to in this Address, and who was formerly minister of a Congregational place of worship in Plymouth. It is believed that Mr. Snow is the first clergyman of our Church who ever officiated in this town. The result of his labors, now recorded, is a substantial proof of the excellence of that plan of missionary minis-

trations, which he has been pursuing for two years under the appointment of the Board of Missions; and to which I referred in my Address to the Convention of 1843. I mean the plan of creating an interest in our Church, and finally giving it a permanent location, in places where it has been hitherto unknown, through the means of occasional services. This method calls attention, while, at the same time, it excites no opposition. All that is now needed to increase the prosperity of the parish, thus established at Plymouth, is the erection of a Church. The Commissioners for Church Extension have authorized an application to Episcopalians here for the amount that will be necessary for this purpose, in addition to what the parishioners can themselves contribute. Let me be allowed to express the hope, that their call upon us for aid will meet with an encouraging answer.

On Tuesday, May 6, in St. Thomas's Church, Taunton, I confirmed 7 in the evening.

On Wednesday, May 7, in Trinity Church, Bridgewater, preached in the afternoon, and catechized the children; and in the evening confirmed 1 person. The Rev. Mr. Marble, since my visit to this parish, has resigned the Rectorship of it; and has been transferred to the Diocese of New Hampshire.

On Thursday, May 8, in Grace Church, New Bedford, examined, in the afternoon, a large number of children in the Catechism; and in the evening confirmed 3. The whole number confirmed in this parish during the year is 7.

On Friday, May 9, in the Church of the Ascension, Fall River, confirmed 3 in the evening. The Rev. Mr. McCoy is now the Rector of this parish; having resigned the charge of St. Luke's, Lowell, which is now served by the Rev. Thomas M. Smith.

On Trinity Sunday, May 18, in St. Luke's, Chelsea, confirmed 5 in the evening. In addition to these, 1 person received this rite subsequently, at a Confirmation held in this city; making the whole number confirmed for the year in St. Luke's, 6.

On Thursday, May 22, in Christ Church, Springfield, preached in the afternoon; and in the evening confirmed 4.

On Friday, May 23, in St. John's, Northampton, catechized the children in the afternoon, after Evening Prayer; and in the evening confirmed 10. I am pleased to record a manifest improvement in this parish, both as to numbers and spiritual condition.

On the First Sunday after Trinity, May 25, in St. James's, Greenfield, baptized a grandchild of the Rector, and another infant in the morning, preached, and catechized the children. In the afternoon confirmed 3 in a meeting house at Montagu; and in the evening confirmed 1 at St. James's. My visit to Montagu was one of uncommon interest. There was great apparent seriousness while I preached to the people the word of life; and I was much affected, in private conversation with some of the Episcopalians of this town, by the gratitude and joy which they expressed in return for the services dispensed on the present occasion. Amidst many discouragements, this little flock have continued steadfast in the faith; and appear to have diligently improved the few privileges they have possessed. May the Spirit of grace and consolation abide with them!

I would here mention, that the Vestry of St. James's, Greenfield, are about to erect, in the rear of the Church, a building which is to contain a Sunday School room, and also a vestry-room. They contemplate, also, the further improvement of restoring the original and highly appropriate arrangement of the chancel, reading-desk, and pulpit of the Church.

On Tuesday, May 27, in St. John's, Ashfield, confirmed 1 in the afternoon.

On Wednesday, May 28, in St. Luke's, Lanesborough, confirmed 5 in the afternoon; and in the evening, after a sermon by the Rev. Mr. Pearson, Rector of St. John's, Ashfield, delivered a short address to the congregation.

On the Second Sunday after Trinity, June 1, in Grace Church, Boston, confirmed 10 in the evening. Of this number, 1 was from the parish of St. Luke's, Chelsea. The whole number of persons confirmed for the parish of Grace Church during the year is 28.

On the Third Sunday after Trinity, June 8, in St. Paul's, Boston, confirmed 10 in the afternoon.

Among my appointments for the Spring of this year, I had included a visit to St. Stephen's Church, Lynn; but, at the request of the Rector, have postponed it to a future day. It is known to many of you, that, a few years since, a parish was incorporated in that town under the title of Christ Church; and that a sanctuary was reared by them, and consecrated by my venerated predecessor to the worship and service of God. Owing, however, to various pecuniary embarrassments, from which the Vestry could not relieve themselves, the church was afterwards sold, and the parish became extinct. To my great joy, and that of many others, a member of our Church in this city generously undertook, after the last Convention, the task of endeavoring, by subscriptions in Boston, to recover the building. It pleased God to crown this effort with success. The church is once more our own; and, having been put into a state of complete repair, is now open for the worship of God, and the ministry of the word and ordinances. The Rev. Mr. Wildes is the Minister of the parish, which has been incorporated anew under the other name already mentioned. I feel no doubt that a permanent congregation will gradually be collected together, as the fruit of this benevolent undertaking; and, from the proximity of the Church to Nahant, it will afford to the Episcopalian summer residents at that watering-place spiritual blessings, of which they have hitherto been deprived.

From the foregoing summary the following result is obtained:— The number of persons confirmed in this Diocese, during the year, is 294; 8 Deacons have been ordained, and 1 Priest; the

corner-stones of 2 Churches have been laid; 2 Churches have been commenced; and 3 parishes have been organized.

The Candidates for Orders are the following: — George W. Foster, George Henry Clark, James L. Scott, George D. Miles, Charles S. Putnam, Daniel B. Hagar, Lewis Greene, Joseph A. Stone, Samuel A. Clark, Nathanael G. Allen, and Shipley Wells Wilson — Total, 11.

Since the last Convention the following changes have occurred in the Diocese, in addition to those to which I have already referred:

The Rev. Henry Blackaller has been transferred, by letters dimissory, to the Diocese of Vermont; and the Rev. Justin Field, Jr., to the Diocese of Western New York. Mr. N. G. Allen, a Candidate for Orders, who was transferred in November last to the Diocese of Western New York, has recently been received again into this Diocese.

The Rev. Petrus S. Ten Broeck, and the Rev. Moses B. Chase, Chaplain in the United States Navy, have been received into this Diocese from that of New Hampshire.

The Rev. Ethan Allen has resigned the Rectorship of St. Paul's, Otis.

The Rev. Robert M. Chapman has resigned the charge of Trinity Church, Van Deusenville, and Trinity Church, Lenox.

The Rev. Mr. Pollard has resigned the Rectorship of Trinity Church, Nantucket, and has been succeeded there by the Rev. Thomas G. Salter.

One of the Clergy of this Diocese, the Rev. James B. Howe, formerly of the Diocese of New Hampshire, has been removed by death; having suddenly expired while on a journey to the western part of the United States, in the month of September last.

The Rev. William Cook, Deacon, has been displaced by me from the ministry, agreeably to the provisions of the 38th Canon of 1832; for causes not affecting his moral standing.

Since the last Convention, I have received from the Bishop of South Carolina canonical notice of his having displaced from the ministry the Rev. Rodolphus Dickinson, a Presbyter of that Diocese, according to the provisions of the 38th Canon of 1832; for causes not affecting his moral standing. I have also received notice from the Bishop of Delaware, of his having displaced from the ministry, according to the same Canon, the Rev. John V. E. Thorn, a Presbyter of that Diocese; likewise notice from the Bishop of Connecticut of his having displaced, under the authority of the same Canon, the Rev. George A. Sterling, a Presbyter of that Diocese, for causes not affecting his moral standing; and another notice from the Bishop of Kentucky, of his having displaced from the ministry the Rev. William M'Callen, a Presbyter of that Diocese, for causes not affecting his moral standing.

The Vestry of St. Paul's, Dedham, have determined, owing to the dilapidated condition of their parish Church, to build a new edifice. The plan has been furnished by Mr. Gilman, of this city; and the Church will be both appropriate in appearance, and adapted to the accommodation of a larger congregation than that which could be contained within the old building.

I have also the satisfaction of stating, that the Vestry of St. Anne's, Lowell, have commenced an enlargement of their beautiful edifice; a step long contemplated by them, and rendered necessary by the increasing population of that city. With equal gratification I mention to this Convention the noble beginning, made by the Vestry of this parish, of a Rector's Library. In no other way could they have rendered a more effectual service to that congregation of whom they are the trustees. It is well known to you, that, on every occasion on which the venerable Society for the Propagation of the Gospel planted a permanent parish in this country, a portion of their outlay was expended upon the purchase of a library for the Missionary's use; and in many places, notwithstanding the confusion produced by the Revolutionary

War, numerous volumes still remain as the monument of their wise liberality. The sum already subscribed to the above object by the parishioners of St. Anne's is upwards of a thousand dollars. May the deed they have performed be rendered back to them tenfold, in the divine presence and blessing!

It gives me great pleasure to record, among the other prosperous events of the past year, the success with which God has crowned the efforts of the congregation of All Saints', Worcester, to erect a parish Church. The parishioners having themselves contributed half the sum needed for this object, applied to the inhabitants of this city, under the sanction of the Board of Commissioners for Church Extension, for the other half; and I am happy to say, that the call was responded to with a readiness and generosity, which demand my warmest acknowledgments. A small portion of the amount required was given in the city of New York, by some valued friends of my own to whom I made personal application, and to whom I take the present opportunity of returning my sincere thanks. Mr. Upjohn is now engaged in drawing the plans for the edifice, which will be completed, in all probability, before the ensuing winter.

As I have just made reference to the Board of Commissioners for Church Extension, it seems the proper place to say, that, since their appointment by the last Convention, they have held several meetings, and taken action in various matters presented for their consideration. One advantage resulting from the creation of this Board has been clearly seen during the past year, in the confidence with which the community have assisted objects commended by the Commissioners to their bounty. Devoutly let us implore, however, the Holy Spirit of grace, that he will put it into the hearts of the members of our Church to enlarge, by spontaneous contributions, the means of usefulness of these Trustees. The great want in this Diocese is the want of Churches; without which there can be no growth of our Communion in

any of those places in which her services are held. Deeply is it to be lamented, that there seems to be so little appreciation of the vast importance of this subject. In a Board, moreover, composed like this both of Clergymen, and of judicious laymen, and appointed by the Convention, there is surely every reason that confidence should be reposed by the Church at large. Could frequent donations flow into their treasury, what blessings untold would be the result! how many souls would be brought within the reach of those sound doctrines which our Church dispenses! how extensively would our borders be enlarged, and our influence be strengthened!

The Tract Committee of the Diocese have steadily prosecuted their labors, during the twelve months just terminated. I again commend their publications to the attention of the Clergy; and would, at the same time, suggest to this Convention the propriety of authorizing the Committee to fill such vacancies as may occasionally occur in their number, by death, or removal from the Diocese. The number of the Committee being small, the loss of only one member, without the power of appointing a substitute, is seriously felt.

The situation of such of our Clergy as may, from time to time, become disabled from age or infirmity, without possessing adequate means of support, is a subject which must frequently have occupied the minds of many whom I now address. It commends itself with great interest to every feeling heart. The minister of the everlasting gospel, exalted as his calling is above all that this world deems glorious, and great as will be his reward in heaven, finds, as a general rule, poverty for his temporal recompense. Cut off, by the very nature of his office, from the means of adding to his resources, he toils on through the years of his vigor; and, when disease or helplessness overtakes him, is consigned to the horrors of utter destitution. I do not intend to propose to you any particular plan, for the purpose of meeting

exigencies like that which I have described. There are two modes of providing for such cases; — the one that of a vested fund, the interest of which shall be distributed among the objects of its bounty; and the other that of an annual collection to be made in our Churches, and to be used as circumstances shall require. I simply present the matter to your attention; leaving it to your wisdom to take such steps in regard to it, as may seem most desirable.

My Brethren of the Clergy and Laity — The record presented to you in the preceding portions of this Address affords ground for encouragement, and for praise to the Author of all our mercies. But while we should not be unmindful of the goodness of the Lord, in all that he has done for us, who among us, at the same time, can fail to admit, that there is a dark side to this picture? When has there been a period in the history of this country, in which a more deadly apathy, in regard to the momentous subject of religion, seemed to have settled upon the hearts of the people than at the present moment? Not in our own Church merely, but in other Christian bodies around us, they who exercise the office of proclaiming the good tidings of great joy appear to lift up their voices in vain; few, comparatively, are added to the number of the Redeemer's professed disciples; while very many of those who name the name of Christ give indications of having fallen under the influence of the same spiritual stupor. In order to shew the declining state of religion among ourselves, I need only remind you of the decrease in the number of persons confirmed, as seen by a comparison with the Confirmations of the twelve months preceding; for, although this is partly to be accounted for by the fact, that, from a change made in the seasons of my annual Visitation, the Southern and Eastern districts were visited twice during the former year, yet, even with this deduction, my record of Confirmations presented last year very far exceeds that which has been laid before the present Convention.

And, in addition to this mournful evidence of decay, there is that of the absence of a general ardor among our people in the work of spreading the gospel far and near. I have already acknowledged with gratitude, and now again acknowledge, the readiness with which many in this city have responded to applications of various kinds for their aid; a readiness unknown in former periods of our history, and for which I would be devoutly thankful to Him from whom all holy desires do proceed. But by how small a number of the members of our Church are these benefactions poured into the Lord's treasury! How many turn a deaf ear to every appeal! And, from many of our parishes in the interior, how scanty are the offerings to the cause of Him who offered *Himself* for our salvation!

The cause of the present state of things is, without doubt, mainly to be attributed to the unexampled prosperity of the country. It is now, as it ever has been, that, amidst a profusion of temporal mercies, the receivers forget the Lord their God; the heart becomes set upon the things of this life; the meat that perisheth is more prized than that which endureth forever; and death, judgment, and eternity, and the welfare of that kingdom which is not of this world, lose their hold upon the mind. But, whatever be the cause of our sad condition, what a call is it upon us, my Reverend Brethen, to be more than ever faithful to the solemn trust with which we are invested! Confident in the preaching of Christ Crucified, as the 'power of God' for the world's regeneration, let us with distinctness, simplicity, and affection, proclaim this message. Let us set forth the unadulterated doctrine of salvation by redeeming blood; convinced that, if we so do, our labors will be accompanied, according to the promise, by 'signs following.' And, as one most effectual means of advancing true religion, let me especially animate you to diligence in the instruction of the young committed to your charge. I have been highly gratified to perceive the universal

revival among you of that duty of Catechizing, which formed the subject of my Primary Charge to the Clergy of this Diocese. Persevere in this work. Whatever you do for these little ones, whether through the instrumentality of the Sunday School, or in the work of catechetical instruction strictly so called, will never be lost. God has assured us of this. A generation will grow up, filled with heavenly knowledge and affections; and, first in the rite of Confirmation, and next at the Table of the Lord, will stand forth as your 'hope,' and 'joy,' and 'crown of rejoicing.'

To you, my brethren of the Laity, our present languishing religious condition is one that comes with a voice of strong exhortation. Appointed as I am to 'watch for your souls, as he that must give account,' let me beseech you to seek by earnest prayer for the supplies of the Holy Spirit, that the life of God may be made to flourish in your own hearts. Look above these earthly things, which are rapidly passing away, and aim after treasures which are in heaven. Strive to escape from that contagious atmosphere of worldliness, by which we are surrounded on every side. Remember, too, in your private petitions, and in the intercessions of your family altar, that Church of God whose advancement is committed in part to your care. Cultivate a spirit of liberality. Give, as you have the ability. Strengthen the hearts, and hold up the hands, of God's ministering servants, by seconding them, amidst their many discouragements, in every effort for the everlasting good of men. The true glory of our Church must depend, on the one hand upon the faithfulness of her Clergy, and, on the other hand, upon the active zeal and love diffused through her members. Without the ornament of living piety, vain will be our institutions, symmetrical and admirable though they be. Ye must, 'as lively stones,' be 'built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ.'

And now, may God's presence be with us in our present meet-

ing! May He incline us 'with one mind to strive together for the faith of the gospel;' and so sanctify the hearts, and control the lives, of all orders and estates of men amongst us, that our Church may be a name and a praise in the earth!

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Strong,

Resolved, That that part of the Bishop's Address which relates to the support of aged and indigent clergymen be referred to a special committee, to report to this Convention.

On motion,

Resolved, That this Committee consist of five Laymen, to be appointed by the Chair.

The Chair appointed Dr. E. H. Robbins, Samuel Lawrence, Edward S. Rand, Benjamin T. Reed, and James S. Amory.

On motion,

Resolved, That to-morrow morning, at 10 o'clock, the Convention proceed to the election of the various officers.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Convention now adjourn, to meet to-morrow morning, at 9 o'clock.

Trinity Church, Thursday, June 12, 9 *o'clock, A. M.*

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment. Morning Prayer was read by the Rev. Titus Strong, D. D., Rector of St. James's, Greenfield; after which, the Bishop having taken the Chair, the Secretary called the roll of the Clergy and Lay Delegates entitled to seats, and the Convention proceeded to business.

The minutes of the preceding day were read and approved.

The Convention then proceeded to the election of the Standing Committee.

A division was called for, and the Convention voted by orders.

The Rev. Messrs. Clinch and Bent were appointed to receive and canvass the votes of the Clergy, and Messrs. Sohier and Greenleaf those of the Laity; who, having attended to that duty, reported that the Convention had made choice of the following gentlemen:

Standing Committee.

CLERGY.	LAITY.
The Rev. Alexander H. Vinton, D.D.,	George M. Dexter,
" " John Woart,	Edward S. Rand, Jr.,
" " George M. Randall.	Otis Daniell.

The Rev. Dr. Vinton having declined serving on the Standing Committee, the Convention proceeded to fill the vacancy thus occasioned, and the Rev. William Croswell was elected.

Dr. E. H. Robbins, for the Committee on that part of the Bishop's Address which relates to the support of aged and indigent Clergymen, presented a report, which was recommitted, with instructions to report a specific plan of relief.

On motion of Dr. Robbins,

Resolved, That Mr. Simon Greenleaf be added to the Committee.

The Rev. Dr. Strong, for the Committee of Finance, reported that they recommend the printing of one thousand copies of the Journal of this Convention, under the direction of the Secretary; and also, that the travelling expenses of such Clergymen as are reported to the Treasurer, be paid out of the Contingent Fund.

The report was adopted.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Ballard,

Resolved, That the Secretary be directed to cause two sets of the Journals of this Convention to be bound in

volumes, for the use of the Convention during its sessions, the expense thereof to be defrayed out of the Contingent Fund.

The Convention proceeded to consider the Constitution and Canons reported at the last Convention; when, on motion, it was,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Constitution and Canons have leave to sit again, and that Messrs. Simon Greenleaf and William D. Sohier be added to the Committee.

The Convention then proceeded to elect a Treasurer.

The Rev. Dr. Boyle, having declined being a candidate for reëlection, it was,

On motion,

Resolved, That a Committee of two be appointed by the Chair to nominate a suitable person for the office of Treasurer.

The Chair appointed the Rev. Dr. Vinton and Dr. Edward H. Robbins, who, having reported the name of the Rev. Asa Eaton, D. D., he was unanimously elected.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Strong,

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention be presented to the Rev. Isaac Boyle, D. D., for his faithful services as Treasurer of the Convention for the last twelve years.

The Rev. Mr. Lee, Secretary of the Board of Missions, read the following Report:

Report of the Board of Missions.

The Board of Missions of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Massachusetts respectfully present their ninth annual report.

The Board would state at the outset, that although there is a deficiency of funds in the treasury, yet there is encouraging evidence that the missionary operations of the Diocese have been

no less successful than in former years; for which token of His favor and blessing God's name be praised.

The amount received by the Treasurer* for all the departments of Missions has been $7543,68; of which the sum of $2490,59 was for Foreign Missions; $780,27 for Domestic Missions out of Massachusetts; and $3720,53 for Missions within the Diocese. For various objects, specified by the donors, $552,29. Amount due to Diocesan missionaries up to July 1st, 1845, $1127,20. Amount now in the treasury, $390,05. Deficiency, $737,15. This deficiency is in consequence of last year's debt.

The appropriations for Diocesan Missions have been as follows:

To the Missionary at	St. John's Church,	Ashfield,	-	$100
" "	St. James's "	Amesbury,	-	100
" "	Trinity "	Bridgewater,	-	50
" "	St. Luke's "	Chelsea,	-	100
" "	St. Peter's "	Cambridgeport,		250
" "	Church of the Ascension,	Fall River,		100
" "	St. Luke's Church,	Lowell,	- -	300
" "	St. John's "	Northampton,		150
" "	St. Paul's "	Otis,	- -	100
" "	St. Paul's "	Stockbridge,		100
" "	Trinity "	Van Deusenville,		100
" "	St. John's "	Wilkinsonville,		100
" "	in the Southern District,		- -	150
				$1,700

These appropriations were made at the commencement of the Conventional year; but though the Board at its first meeting voted to limit the entire appropriations for the year to the sum of $1,800, in consequence of a determination not to exceed the probable contributions, it will appear that this amount is by no means all that has been devoted to missionary purposes in the Diocese. The sum of $1,000 a year for three years, alluded to in the last report, has been generously subscribed by individuals, in Boston, for the support of a clergyman at Worcester; which amount, though passing through the treasury of the Board, is not included among its appropriations. In like manner, the sums of $100 for the Southern District Mission, $50 for the missionary at Amesbury,

*See Appendix.

$50 for the missionary at Van Deusenville, and $75 for the missionary at St. Luke's, Lowell, were, early in the year, placed in the hands of the Board, in addition to the appropriations made for these several stations. Other sums have been received and paid, as will appear from the Treasurer's report.

The Western District Mission was discontinued on the 1st of October, not because it was not needed, but on account of the necessity of diminishing the appropriations. The missionary for that district found abundant encouragement in several towns where the Church is already planted, as well as in some where its services had not previously been held.

The Church at Charlestown, owing to the generous and successful exertions of individuals in removing its debt, has become self-supporting.

At Chelsea a church has been erected and consecrated; and there is every reason to expect that the parish will increase and prosper.

A church has also been completed and set apart for Divine worship in the town of Stockbridge. The parish is entirely free from debt, and its prospects are highly encouraging. The missionary has been most untiring in his labors, and reports that the congregation has increased twofold since the decision of the parish to erect a church.

The missionary at Van Deusenville, the Rev. Robert M. Chapman, resigned early in the autumn, and the parish in that place, and that at Lenox, which had been connected with it, have in consequence been destitute of clerical services during most of the year. This vacancy has somewhat reduced the amount of appropriations.

The missionary at Otis, the Rev. Ethan Allen, after nearly nine years of unremitted and faithful labor, resigned his charge on the 1st of April last.

St. Mark's, Blandford, has remained vacant the greater part of the year, and has consequently received no appropriations from the Board. This peculiar field stands in need of devoted missionary labors, and it is hoped that it will soon be supplied.

The Church at Northampton is reported as in a prosperous condition, but will still need missionary aid.

The missionary at Ashfield, amidst many discouragements, still continues his faithful labors. The parish is as prosperous as at the date of the last report.

The Rev. A. D. McCoy has resigned St. Luke's, Lowell, and been appointed missionary of the Board at Fall River, receiving, however, his chief support from the parish. The Rev. Thomas M. Smith, has been appointed to supply the vacancy thus occasioned. Both these parishes will require continued assistance from the Board.

The effort to establish a Church at Worcester promises to be successful. The Rev. Dr. Chapman is still laboring there. The parish are about to erect a church, a lot having been already purchased, and sufficient funds raised for the church itself. The Board regard this as one of the most important stations in the Diocese.

The parish at Cambridgeport, being still burdened with debt, will need continued aid in the support of a minister.

The Rev. Mr. Blaisdale resigned the parish at Amesbury in October last, and has been succeeded by the Rev. Mr. Estes. An effort is now in progress to erect a new church, of larger dimensions than the one now occupied. Should this desirable object be accomplished, the Board have reason to believe that the interests of the parish would be materially promoted. The aid of the Board will still be needed here.

The Church in Bridgewater has been supplied with constant services during the year. The missionary reports that the congregation has somewhat increased, though the parish has suffered by the removal of some of its members from the town.

The Southern and Western District Church Missionary Associations have continued their operations during the year.

In the Southern District, the Rev. Mr. Snow has been steadily engaged in his duties as missionary at large. His services during the past year have been confined chiefly to Easton, Middleborough, and Plymouth. In the last-named place a parish has been organized with encouraging prospects, and measures are already in progress for the erection of a Church.

A highly favorable opening for the services of our Church is presented in that part of the village of Pawtucket which is in-

cluded within the limits of this Diocese. A congregation has been collected, and the assistance of the Board is desired for a short period at the outset, the expectation being confidently expressed that the friends of the Church in that place would soon be able to dispense with missionary aid.

In the Western District, regular quarterly meetings have been held in different parishes, and evident good has been the result. There are several destitute parishes within its limits needing missionary labor. At Clappville, a candidate for holy orders officiates as lay reader, and the people manifest a commendable interest in the services of the Church. The parish in Montague has enjoyed the labors of a minister during a part of the year, without any aid from the Board. Several services have been held in Northfield, where there seems to be a desire to become acquainted with the Church. Occasional services are held in the flourishing village of Cabotville, within the limits of Springfield.

In communicating this information, received from the Western Association, the Board would express the conviction already intimated, that were the missionary funds as abundant as the exigencies of the times demand, a general missionary might be most usefully employed in the western counties of the State.

In closing their duties for the year, the Board would express the earnest desire that the various parishes throughout the Diocese may feel more and more the importance of sustaining missionary operations. The missionary work is eminently apostolic and primitive; it is emphatically the best evidence of spiritual life in the Church; and if the members of our communion generally, would evince the spirit of their Lord and Master, and a true regard for the Church to which they belong, let them labor and pray for the extension of God's kingdom. It is evident that Christians must yet make greater sacrifices for this holy work, if they would come up to the measure of duty enjoined in the word of inspiration.

The Board would urge the plan of systematic contributions upon the parishes; reminding them, through the Convention, that our feeble churches must suffer, and favorable openings for our services must be neglected and lost, unless the contributions for Diocesan missions are materially increased during the approach-

ing year. We have fallen upon times when there is a loud demand upon us to put forth every effort for the extension of the gospel in connection with the Church of our love. Infidelity and vice abound. Heresy and schism in a thousand forms are weakening the influence and energies of those who profess and call themselves Christians. Essential doctrines of God's word are set at nought, and men are seeking salvation in other ways than through Him who is the way, the truth, and the life. Views the most inadequate in reference to the articles of the Christian faith, as well as the ministry and sacraments, are marking the age and community in which we live. Under such circumstances our duty as Christians and churchmen is plain. We are bound to send forth the pure and simple truth as it is in Jesus, and to supply those ministrations of the word and sacraments which we believe to be most scriptural and apostolic. We are called upon to preserve and extend "the faith once delivered to the saints;" and thus, knowing nothing save Jesus Christ and him crucified, use the most effectual means for enlarging the borders of that Church which is "built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner-stone."

In behalf of the Board,

HENRY W. LEE, *Secretary pro tem.*

The Convention then proceeded to the election of a Board of Missions.

On motion,

Resolved, That a Committee of three be appointed by the Chair to nominate a Board of Missions, to consist of the same number as the Board of the last year.

The Chair appointed the Rev. Mr. Ballard, and Messrs. S. Greenleaf, and G. C. Shattuck, Jr.

The Rev. Dr. Vinton, and Messrs. Benjamin Howard, and Benjamin P. Richardson, declined a reëlection.

The Committee having reported the names of the following gentlemen, they were elected by the Convention:

Board of Missions.

CLERGY.	LAITY.
The Rev. Charles Mason,	William Appleton,
" " Henry W. Lee,	James Barnes,
" " C. M. Butler,	Amos A. Lawrence.
" " John L. Watson,	
" " M. A. D'Wolfe Howe,	
" " N. T. Bent,	
" " T. R. Lambert.	

The Rev. Mr. Watson having declined, the Committee nominated the Rev. George M. Randall, who was elected by the Convention.

Mr. Richard H. Dana, Jr. presented the following resolution:

Resolved, That the subject of Missions to Seamen in this Diocese be committed to a Board to be elected annually by this Convention, the Bishop to be ex-officio President of the Board.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Vinton,

Resolved, That this resolution be referred to a Special Committee of five to report to this Convention.

The Chair appointed the Rev. Dr. Vinton, the Rev. Messrs. Randall and Croswell, and Messrs. S. Greenleaf and R. H. Dana, Jr.

On motion of Mr. E. S. Rand, Jr.,

Resolved, That a Committee of five, of which the Bishop shall be Chairman, be appointed to consider what measures it may be expedient or necessary to take to promote the cause of Theological Education in the Diocese, either by the establishment of a Theological Seminary, or by making other provision within the Diocese for the instruction of Candidates for Holy Orders; and that the said Committee report to the next Convention.

The Chair appointed the Rev. Messrs. Ballard and

Mason, and Messrs. William Appleton, E. S. Rand, Jr., and William F. Otis.

The Convention then proceeded to elect Delegates to the General Convention.

The Chair appointed the Rev. Messrs. Croswell and Woart a Committee to receive and canvass the votes; who, having attended to that duty, reported that the Convention had made choice of the following gentlemen:

Delegates to the General Convention.

CLERGY.	LAITY.
The Rev. Edward Ballard,	William Appleton,
" " A. H. Vinton, D. D.,	E. S. Rand,
" " M. A. D'Wolfe Howe.	R. C. Winthrop,
	Simon Greenleaf.

The Convention proceeded to ballot for an additional clerical delegate. There being no choice, it was,

On motion,

Resolved, That the Convention now adjourn, to meet at half-past 4 o'clock, P. M.

Thursday, June 12,
4 1-2 o'clock, P. M.

The Convention met according to adjournment.

The roll having been called, and the minutes of the morning session read, amended, and approved, the Convention proceeded to business.

Mr. John Cushing, a Lay Delegate from St. Andrew's, Hanover, asked and obtained leave of absence for the remainder of the session.

The Convention proceeded to fill the vacancy in the delegation to the General Convention.

A division having been called for, exceptions were taken to a call for a vote by orders, at this stage of the election; and the Chair having decided such a call to be in order,

an appeal was made from the decision of the Chair to the Convention, and the decision of the Chair sustained.

The Chair appointed Messrs. R. H. Dana, Jr., and E. S. Rand, Jr., a Committee to receive and canvass the votes of the Laity.

On motion of Dr. E. H. Robbins,

Resolved, That the Commissioners for Church Extension, appointed at the last Convention, be the Commissioners for the present year.

Mr. Benjamin Howard, Treasurer of the Trustees of Donations, made a report,* which was accepted.

The following gentlemen were appointed a Committee for the publication of Tracts, according to a resolution of the Convention of 1843:

Tract Committee.

CLERGY.	LAITY.
The Rev. Charles Mason,	J. S. C. Greene,
" " C. M. Butler,	Simon Greenleaf.
" " Theodore Edson.	

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Butler,

Resolved, That the Tract Committee be authorized to fill any vacancies that may occur in that body.

Mr. Simon Greenleaf declined serving on the Committee to whom was referred the subject of Missions to Seamen, and Mr. William F. Otis was appointed in his place.

The Convention having balloted several times for an additional clerical Delegate to the General Convention, without effecting an election, it was,

On motion,

Resolved, That the Convention now adjourn, to meet to-morrow morning, at 9 o'clock.

* See Appendix.

A division was called for, and the Convention voted by orders.

The Rev. Messrs. Clinch and Bent were appointed to receive and canvass the votes of the Clergy, and Messrs. Sohier and Greenleaf those of the Laity; who, having attended to that duty, reported that the Convention had made choice of the following gentlemen:

Standing Committee.

CLERGY.	LAITY.
The Rev. Alexander H. Vinton, D.D.,	George M. Dexter,
" " John Woart,	Edward S. Rand, Jr.,
" " George M. Randall.	Otis Daniell.

The Rev. Dr. Vinton having declined serving on the Standing Committee, the Convention proceeded to fill the vacancy thus occasioned, and the Rev. William Croswell was elected.

Dr. E. H. Robbins, for the Committee on that part of the Bishop's Address which relates to the support of aged and indigent Clergymen, presented a report, which was recommitted, with instructions to report a specific plan of relief.

On motion of Dr. Robbins,

Resolved, That Mr. Simon Greenleaf be added to the Committee.

The Rev. Dr. Strong, for the Committee of Finance, reported that they recommend the printing of one thousand copies of the Journal of this Convention, under the direction of the Secretary; and also, that the travelling expenses of such Clergymen as are reported to the Treasurer, be paid out of the Contingent Fund.

The report was adopted.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Ballard,

Resolved, That the Secretary be directed to cause two sets of the Journals of this Convention to be bound in

volumes, for the use of the Convention during its sessions, the expense thereof to be defrayed out of the Contingent Fund.

The Convention proceeded to consider the Constitution and Canons reported at the last Convention; when, on motion, it was,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Constitution and Canons have leave to sit again, and that Messrs. Simon Greenleaf and William D. Sohier be added to the Committee.

The Convention then proceeded to elect a Treasurer.

The Rev. Dr. Boyle, having declined being a candidate for reëlection, it was,

On motion,

Resolved, That a Committee of two be appointed by the Chair to nominate a suitable person for the office of Treasurer.

The Chair appointed the Rev. Dr. Vinton and Dr. Edward H. Robbins, who, having reported the name of the Rev. Asa Eaton, D. D., he was unanimously elected.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Strong,

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention be presented to the Rev. Isaac Boyle, D. D., for his faithful services as Treasurer of the Convention for the last twelve years.

The Rev. Mr. Lee, Secretary of the Board of Missions, read the following Report:

Report of the Board of Missions.

The Board of Missions of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Massachusetts respectfully present their ninth annual report.

The Board would state at the outset, that although there is a deficiency of funds in the treasury, yet there is encouraging evidence that the missionary operations of the Diocese have been

beforehand, in their calling, but too often fail, although religion lays the strictest obligations upon men, to make the best provision for their comfortable subsistence in this world, and their salvation in the next; nevertheless, seldom do our ministers have an accumulation of stores beforehand to provide for their latter life.

In our form of government, in our usages, there is no public provision, even for a faithful minister of Jesus Christ; Church and State have no relation to each other; the minister after his usefulness has failed, rightfully relies on those for whom his prayers have been offered, on those to whom he has shown the way of eternal life; if these sources fail, what is the remedy? Gladly would your Committee point out a remedy, or rather would they report that no such cases existed; but the facts are otherwise; there is need; the hard hand of poverty is in this Diocese. Your Committee know of one remedy only, and that is, a candid appeal to your sympathies; it is a direct call for your aid, whenever and wherever such conditions present.

To effect the design and purpose thus recommended, your Committee think that this Convention should direct that the rector or appointed minister in each parish of this Diocese, should, after a clear statement of the object, make a collection on Quinquagesima Sunday, annually, and the money thus collected, should be paid into the hands of the Treasurer of the Convention, unless trustees should be appointed to receive the same.

And to the end that specific action may be had herein, the following resolution is offered: That a Committee be appointed to apply to the legislature for an act of incorporation as the trustees of donations for the relief of aged, indigent, and unprovided for clergymen of the Protestant Episcopal Church within this Diocese. All of which is respectfully submitted.

E. H. Robbins, *Chairman.*

Boston, June 12, 1845.

The resolution was adopted.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Committee to whom this subject was referred be a Committee to make application to the legislature as contemplated in the foregoing resolution.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Vinton,

Resolved, That the parochial Clergy of the Diocese be directed to make a collection on Quinquagesima Sunday in each year, in behalf of aged and indigent Clergymen.

The Rev. Mr. Edson, Secretary of the Board of Commissioners for Church Extension, read the following Report:

Report.

The Board of Commissioners for Church Extension created by the action of this Convention at the last annual meeting, beg leave to offer the report required by the resolutions under which they were appointed.

On the 14th of June, 1844, the day on which the Convention adjourned, a meeting of this Board was called by the Bishop and held in his study; whereat its organization was completed by the choice of a Secretary and Treasurer. At this meeting, on motion of the Rev. Dr. Vinton, the President and Secretary were made a committee to draw up some views of the plan and operations of this Board, to be presented for consideration at the next meeting. It was understood that meetings were to be called by the President whenever there might be any business to be attended to.

The next meeting was held on the 2d of September, when the committee appointed to draw up some views of the plan and operations of this Board being called upon, the following report was presented and read, namely:

OBJECT AND OPERATION OF THIS BOARD.

The object of this Board, as indicated by the vote of the Convention creating it, is, that it be the constituted organ of a very important department of religious benevolence in this Diocese; namely, that of rendering needful assistance in the erection of suitable places of worship.

1. There is contemplated the case of parishes in need of places of worship, who are not able to raise within themselves the means for building them.

The experience of the Church in all ages abundantly shows, that little is done toward the permanent establishment of public worship in any place, without some suitable building consecrated to that purpose. And although the services of the Episcopal Church were never more loudly called for, in those towns and villages where they are not now so established, yet the circumstances and character of our community are such, that there are, and are likely to be, but very few instances of the organization of new parishes in which more or less of pecuniary aid will not be requisite, to enable them to meet the necessary provision of a suitable edifice for the celebration of divine worship. New parishes in our growing community do not usually spring up at once into full maturity. They must have their state of infancy, wherein they require a fostering care. The greatest temporal want of an infant parish, is a habitation; and next to that, the means of sustaining public worship therein. That is a favorable opening indeed, where a congregation might be formed which should be able from the first to provide the current expenses of public worship. Even an old parish is reckoned in a good condition which can do this from its own resources. But the infant parish has both these wants pressing upon it at the same time. And if, at the moment when it is struggling into existence, with however fair a prospect of being able to sustain the ordinary expenses of worship, the additional and greater burden of building a church is laid upon it, what is to be expected but that the double weight, as immoderate as it is unreasonable, will crush its tender growth and blight its fair prospects? In view of the salvation of souls, the prosperity of the Redeemer's kingdom, or the increase of our own Church, here is a call most direct and urgent for the benevolent interposition of a general organized charitable institution.

The attention of a parish in such circumstances will naturally turn to the Board of Commissioners, and application will be made to it for assistance. Whereupon the Board, it is to be supposed, will make all needful investigation, so as to possess itself entirely of the facts in the case — the expediency of the undertaking — the utmost which the parish can be induced to do — what sort of a building it may be proper to erect, and what amount of expense,

all things considered, may be ventured upon. As nothing can be done without the aid of the Commissioners, they will be able to follow out the dictates of their own deliberate judgment; in fact, to make their own conditions, and, in consideration of assistance to be rendered, may stipulate whatever the good of the Church or the interests of the parish may seem to them to require. The good judgment of the Board will serve as a complete regulator to the necessarily excited, and, perhaps, unequal and sometimes inconsistent action of the parish, and also as a guaranty to the benevolent community for the judicious application of the charity.

If a parish were so circumstanced as to be effectually assisted by a loan, with or without interest, to be repaid in instalments, or otherwise, or by the purchase of pews, it is believed to be within the sphere of action assigned to this Board to render aid in such ways when deemed expedient.

2. The vote of the Convention contemplates the case of parishes already embarrassed with debts in consequence of building. The life and activity of such parishes, as members of the body of Christ, depend, in a great degree, on deliverance from these embarrassments. Let all application to the community be made through this Board; then the whole case will be subject to its examination, and the questions of the expediency and mode of relief will be subject to its decision. It is hoped that the judgment of the Board, made upon careful investigation, would afford to the benevolent such ground of confidence as to enable them to act in the case with satisfaction and advantage.

3. In the vote of the Convention, reference is made to the Board of Missions, evidently indicating for the Board of Commissioners a sphere of action in the department of church-building corresponding with that of the Missionary Board in the supply of gospel ministrations. And as it comes within the scope of the one to sustain missionaries according to its discretion, and agreeably to the institutions of the Church, in places within the Diocese where there may be no parochial organization, so it is believed to be within the province of this Board, as the organ of the department of benevolent operation assigned to it, to act according to its judgment and ability in the building of churches where there may as yet be no parish formed to make application

for assistance. The case may occur in a city, where it may be expedient to build a church previous to the formation of a parish, or in some village of the Diocese where, in a growing population, there is need of more accommodation for public worship, where there are a few church people and no Episcopal church, it is believed that the commencement of operations might be favorably made by *this Board;* that by erecting a suitable church in the first place, and freeing it from debt, the Missionary Board might come in under far better auspices, and a parish be subsequently organized with peculiar advantages.

FUNDS.

As to the mode of obtaining funds, the following methods are proposed:

1. A regular annual contribution in each parish in the Diocese.
2. Subscriptions upon personal application in each parish.
3. Special subscriptions for particular objects. As, when aid is to be given to a parish under peculiar circumstances, the Board may employ the minister of the parish, or some person especially interested in the object, and thus bring its own sanction to bear with the other circumstances upon the result.
4. A collection to be taken at a public meeting held on the Thursday evening after the meeting of the annual Convention in Boston.
5. Donations and legacies. It is earnestly hoped that by God's blessing upon the operations of this Board, this department of benevolent effort for the glory of Christ may be so favorably presented to the community, that persons in a condition to do so may be induced to give a portion of their property to this important object.
6. It is hoped that those parishes which in their infancy receive pecuniary assistance from the Board, and which, in the course of time, become well-established and able, may, in the maturity of such strength as God may give them, voluntarily refund in whole or in part to the Board that by which they were so seasonably relieved in the days of their weakness.
7. When, in the judgment of the Board, a case may seem to warrant it, subscriptions may be taken for building a church, on

condition that the parish shall hereafter repay such subscriptions into the treasury of the Board.

8. A reserved fund may be created by subscriptions taken of responsible persons, to be called for only in case the Board should find it necessary to draw upon said fund, and then each subscriber to pay only his proportion of the amount to be drawn. Thus, if fifty persons should associate in creating, by subscriptions, a fund of twenty thousand dollars to be kept in reserve, and the emergency should occur, making it necessary for the Board to draw therefrom, say three thousand dollars, then this sum should be assessed upon the subscriptions according to the amount of each. The association creating said fund would specify the nature of the exigency upon which the Board might draw.

ADVANTAGES CONTEMPLATED.

1. Should the Board be favored with even but a moderate degree of success, it may, by the quiet and steady operation of a few years, without harm to any one, release from their pecuniary thraldom all such parishes of the Diocese as are now harrassed with debt, and thus, with God's blessing, restore them to life and activity in the service of religion.

2. Should the Board receive the favor and confidence of our community, as is hoped, it may be the means, under God, of greatly increasing the number of prosperous parishes in th Diocese, by removing the greatest obstacle to their rise and growth. Thus may be expected additional effect from the ministrations of the gospel and the enlargement of Christ's kingdom.

3. Of the new parishes formed in this Diocese during the last twenty years, full seven eighths of them have been compelled to seek assistance beyond themselves in building their church. And the evils that have accrued to the *parishes themselves* from the want of knowledge and experience in building — from the want of some competent and responsible agency — from lack of ready funds and even credit — from injudicious expenditures — and *to their minister*, upon whom a large share of the perplexity and the odium necessarily falls, are altogether indescribable. The proportion of parishes to be organized needing aid is not likely to be less for many years to come. And the mitigation of these

evils by the benevolent interposition of an authorized and competent agency, in a condition to apply the benefits of practical science and experience in the discharge of its commission, is one of the advantages contemplated in the action of this Board.

4. Another advantage which, though incidental, is worthy to be considered. It is hoped that the Board may extend a salutary influence upon church architecture among us, and will have it in its power to promote essentially the most chaste, simple, and approved style of building; combining permanency, cheapness, architectural purity, and ecclesiastical propriety, so as with the same, or even less expenditure of money, to make important improvements in the stability, tastefulness and impressive effect of our sacred edifices.

5. Owing to the evils alluded to, and, perhaps, to other causes, this department of benevolent operation, most directly and extensively connected with the prosperity of religion, has been embarrassed by an extraordinary odium in the estimation of the community generally. Should this Board be blessed of God with such a measure of success as to demonstrate to the minds of pious and efficient members of our Church the utility of this effort, and thereby bring into deserved repute this worthy object of religious charity, it will be an advantage by no means the least resulting from its labors.

It is humbly felt that without the blessing of Almighty God, moving the hearts of his people to regard this work with favor, and crowning it with success, the appointment and organization of the Board will be in vain. It is, therefore, earnestly commended to the devout prayers of God's children for *His* approval, *without which* "nothing is strong, nothing is holy," and *by which* the feeblest plan, devised in human weakness, may be crowned with abundant success, to the greater glory of the *Divine* wisdom and power.

Whereupon, it was voted that the report be accepted, and that the Secretary procure three hundred copies to be printed in a pamphlet form for the use of the Board, and that be published in the Christian Witness. Which was done accordingly.

Application was made to the Board by All Saints' Parish,

Worcester, for its action in their behalf, with a view to raise three thousand dollars in addition to three thousand already subscribed within the parish; it being judged that the land might be purchased, and their church built for six thousand dollars. The Board requested the Rev. Dr. Chapman to preach in the churches in Boston, and to take collections in behalf of this Board, with a view to aid the parish of All Saints', Worcester, in building a church for their use. From this and other sources, the sum of $3000 was obtained for the object.

An application for aid was made in behalf of the Church in Plymouth, by the Rev. Mr. Snow, when, after due investigation of the subject, that gentleman was appointed an agent of this Board to collect funds for the purpose of erecting a church in that town.

Upon an application made in behalf of St. James' Church, Amesbury, after proper examination of the circumstances of the case, the effort of that parish to build a new church, was recommended, and the Rev. Mr. Estes was appointed agent of the Board to collect funds for this purpose.

The case of St. Peter's Church, Cambridgeport, was considered as presenting a strong claim upon the sympathy and helping-hand of the Christian community. By the laudable efforts of the parish, previous to the last Convention, a church had been finished and consecrated, wherein the service of God has been well sustained. But the congregation, though healthy and promising, became embarrassed with debt, and afford an affecting illustration of the importance of a responsible Board as the constituted organ of this department of religious benevolence. The Board approved the claims of this parish, and appointed the Rev. Mr. Slafter its agent to collect funds for the liquidation of the debt.

A communication has just been received through the Rev. Mr. Smith, who has been recently officiating in St. Luke's Church, Lowell, submitting, at the request of the Wardens and Vestry, the case of that parish to this Board. Though the Commissioners have had no time, as yet, to act upon it, they feel constrained by their deep interest in the subject, and the vast importance of prompt and efficient action, to present it to the Convention, through their report. They earnestly hope that the disastrous

condition of the affairs of this parish, which has brought it to the brink of entire failure, may not hinder nor discourage that determined and combined emotion of Christian sympathy and benevolence, which, by the blessing of God, may yet be successful in securing what remains, and rescuing what has been lost to the interests of the church.

From its humble operations the past year, this Board derives increasing conviction of the utility of such an organization, and earnestly hope that by the blessing of Almighty God, it may become an efficient and extensive instrument of his glory.

In behalf of the Board, THEODORE EDSON, *Secretary.*

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Edson,

Resolved, That agreeably to the suggestion in the Report of the Commissioners for Church Extension, it be recommended by this Convention that a public meeting be held on Thursday evening, after the opening of the Convention in each year, and a collection made in behalf of that Board.

Messrs. John Edson, E. S. Rand, Jr., and B. Howard asked and obtained leave of absence for the remainder of the session.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Cutler,

Resolved, That the following addition be made to the Canon of 1828:

But no Clergyman shall be entitled to any appropriation from the Contingent Fund, unless the parish to which he is the minister shall have paid its annual quota of *one and a half per centum*, or send a certified copy of a vote that it is unable to pay the same. Neither shall any parish, thus neglecting to comply with the requisitions of the Canon, receive more than five copies of the Journal.

The Rev. Mr. Greenleaf, for the Committee on Unfinished Business, reported that no business remained from the last Convention for the action of this Convention, with

the exception of the Report of the Committee on the Constitution and Canons.

The Executive Committee made the following Report:

Report.

The Executive Committee respectfully recommend the second Wednesday in June, 1846, at 10 o'clock, A. M. as the time of the next Annual Convention, — Trinity Church, Boston, as the place in which the same shall be held. They also recommend the Rev. Samuel B. Shaw as the preacher of the Convention Sermon, and the Rev. Theodore W. Snow as his substitute in case of his failure. For the Committee,

A. EATON, *Chairman.*

The report was adopted.

The following resolutions were presented by the Rev. Mr. Woart, and unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the recent sudden death of the Rev. James Blake Howe, a presbyter of this Diocese, is adapted to impress us with a deep sense of the uncertainty of life, and calls upon us to be faithful in the discharge of our solemn duties, not knowing when we may receive the summons to render an account of our stewardship.

Resolved, That the learning, piety, and zealous devotion to his clerical duties of the Rev. Mr. Howe, for many years, in this Diocese, and in that of New Hampshire, are worthy of being had in lasting remembrance.

Resolved, That the Secretary be directed to assure the family of the Rev. Mr. Howe, of the sympathy of this Convention in this afflictive dispensation, and to furnish them with a copy of these resolutions.

The minutes of the afternoon session were then read and approved, and after the usual devotions, and the benediction by the Bishop, the Convention adjourned *sine die*.

Attest,

HENRY W. LEE, *Secretary.*

APPENDIX.

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

Suffolk County.

Trinity Church, Boston.

THE BISHOP OF THE DIOCESE, Rector.

THE REV. JOHN L. WATSON, Assistant Minister on the Greene Foundation.

Baptisms, (adults 2, infants 26,) 28. Marriages, 13. Burials, 14. Confirmed, 12. Communicants, as far as can be ascertained, about 370. The quarterly collection in this Church is divided between the Massachusetts and the General Board of Missions. Many of the parishioners have contributed liberally, during the year, towards the erection of churches, and to the cause of Christian education; and the Ladies' Missionary Association has lost nothing of its wonted activity.

Christ Church, Boston.

THE REV. JOHN WOART, Rector.

Baptisms, (children 36, adults 2,) 38. Marriages, 29. Burials, 13. Confirmations, 11. Communicants: added, 19; total, 277.

Sunday school: teachers, 15; scholars, 174. Money contributed for Missionary and Charitable purposes, $549 97. By the Young Ladies' Missionary Association, $47.

Individuals of the parish have given money to aid in building churches, and for other objects, which has not been passed, — as was the case last year, — through the treasury of the Missionary Society.

During the last half-year Tracts have been distributed monthly throughout the parish.

St. Paul's Church, Boston.

THE REV. A. H. VINTON, D. D., Rector.

There have been in this parish during the past year, of baptisms, (adult 1, infants 15,) 16. Confirmed, 10 persons. Added to the communion, 20. Transferred to other churches, 10. Present number of communicants, 380. Marriages, 9. Burials, 11. Charitable donations, about $8,000.

The plan of contributions for Missions is that of a weekly offering in each family. For other objects of benevolence the methods of almsgiving are various.

The children of the congregation are catechized on the second Sunday of each month in the church.

Grace Church, Boston.

THE REV. CLEMENT M. BUTLER, Rector.

Baptisms, (infant 13, adult 5,) 18. Confirmed, 28. Marriages, 9. Burials, 6.

The number of communicants reported last year, as the present Rector (who had just then entered upon his charge) found them on the records of the Church, was found on subsequent examination to be much too large. There have been added during the year, 115 to the communion, and 41 have removed. The present number is 246.

The amount contributed for benevolent objects during the past year has been about $1,450.

Church of the Messiah, Boston.

THE REV. GEORGE M. RANDALL, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 14, adults 3,) 17. Marriages, 3. Burials, 5. Confirmed, 16. Communicants, — number reported to the last Convention, 51; removed, 1; added, 70; present number, 120. Sunday scholars, 100. Average attendance, 70.

Since the last report our congregation has gradually increased. During the past year, the parish received assistance from several individuals of other parishes, who felt a deep interest in establishing an Episcopal Church in the southern section of the city. Such has been the blessing of God upon our efforts, that the Vestry feel warranted in relying upon the ability of the parish to sustain itself without any assistance from abroad. The settees in our chapel now rent for about $1,000. The apostolic plan of weekly offerings has been adopted, with a good degree of success, by which it is hoped that a sum will be raised sufficient to pay the rent of our chapel.

Our Sunday school is in a very flourishing condition, under the instruction of twenty-one well-qualified and efficient teachers. A member of the congregation, with a praiseworthy liberality, has recently made a donation of two hundred volumes to our Sunday School Library. The library now numbers four hundred volumes. A public meeting was holden in March last, to take into consideration the subject of building a church. A committee was appointed at that meeting who now have the subject under consideration, and it is hoped that before another meeting of the Convention, a church for the use of this parish will have been commenced.

Church of the Advent, Boston.

THE REV. WILLIAM CROSWELL, Rector.

This parish was incorporated in September last, with a view to secure to the inhabitants of the north-western portion of the city the ministrations of the Protestant Episcopal Church; "and," in

the words of the constitution, "more especially to secure the same to the poor and needy, in a manner free from unnecessary expense, and all ungracious circumstances." A convenient place of worship has been provided in the building just erected on the corner of Causeway and Lowell streets, in the midst of a new and populous district. Until this building was completed, temporary arrangements were made for holding divine service in an "upper room" in the neighborhood, commencing on Advent Sunday, the first day of December. The sittings, by the terms of its organization, are to be entirely free, and the church is to be supported by the voluntary oblations of the worshippers. In accordance with God's word, and the order of the Church, opportunity is afforded for every individual, "on the first day of the week to lay by him in store as God hath prospered him," and to "offer his gift upon the altar," in that part of the divine service which is hence called "the offertory." "Every man, according as he is disposed in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity, for God loveth a cheerful giver." The result thus far has been very encouraging. Our straitened quarters have been constantly thronged, though at considerable sacrifice on the part of the congregation of the usual luxuries of modern worship. About forty families have been identified with the parish from the outset. The number of adults, married or unmarried, exceeds one hundred, besides sixty or seventy children. Both congregation and Sunday school have been necessarily limited, however, by the want of accommodations. The number of communicants, reported to the Rector, is about seventy. One adult and nine infants have been baptized. Burials. 5. Marriages, 3.

St. Matthew's Church, South Boston.

THE REV. JOSEPH H. CLINCH, Rector.

Baptisms: infants, 38. Communicants: added, 25; died or removed, 18; present number, 78. Marriages, 12. Burials, 30. Sunday scholars, 108; Missionary contributions: General Board, $47; Massachusetts Board, $13; other contributions for religious purposes, $564 30.

The Rector is happy in being enabled to report the present condition of this parish as being more prosperous, in temporal things, than at any former period. The pews are now, and have been for some time past, all occupied, by an attentive and serious congregation; and should the population of the ward continue to increase as it has for some time past, and our Church to hold its present estimation in the public mind, a larger building will become absolutely necessary.

Public worship was intermitted for four Sundays in October last, in consequence of the church being painted, inside and out, and some necessary repairs being made. Between four and five hundred dollars were judiciously expended on this occasion, which are included in the sum of $564 30, above reported as expended for religious purposes.

There are at present about eighty families connected with this parish, and quite a large number of individual worshippers.

There are a few candidates for confirmation ready to be presented, but it has been thought advisable to defer its administration for a time, in the hope that some, who have recently connected themselves with the parish, might feel disposed to participate in the rite.

To the Right Rev. the Bishop of Massachusetts:

The services have been continued at Trinity Hall, as usual, during the year. They consist of three services on Sundays; and services on Wednesdays and Fridays during Lent; on every day during Passion week with a lecture, and on some other prayer days. We have recently established a meeting for evening prayer on a week day. Of these services I have performed during this conventional year 191, except 9 which have kindly been performed by my brethren. I have administered the sacrament of the holy communion 16 times, and baptized 36 (1 adult.) Thirty-six have been confirmed. I have catechized "openly in the church," 11 times. Delivered 11 lectures before benevolent societies, and officiated on other occasions, 53 times. I have officiated at 14 funerals, and performed the marriage ceremony

5 times. Our little and poor congregation have contributed for Benevolent and Missionary purposes, $130 48; $25 of which were contributed on one occasion for the western missions. Besides the above, there are now in the hands of the treasurer of the Sunday school, their weekly contributions for the year for the African Mission, amounting to about $16.

But my time and services have been chiefly devoted to "the streets and lanes of the city." I have made 2,197 visits, at 144 of which I have had prayers. Of the families so visited, 124 were connected with Trinity Hall, and among them 90 communicants, although not more than 60 communicate at any one time. At the above visits I have given chiefly in fuel, rent, clothing, food, and for sickness, $542 77 on 430 different occasions.

All which is respectfully submitted. E. M. P. Wells.

To the Right Rev. the Bishop of Massachusetts :

The subscriber reports that he has officiated forty-three Sundays during the past year. Since his appointment as the Seamen's Missionary, three services have been held in the chapel on Sunday, and one day in each week has been devoted to visiting the hospital at Chelsea. Baptisms, 3. Communicants, about 15. Marriage, 1. Funerals, 10.

John P. Robinson, *Missionary.*

Boston, June 13, 1845.

St. Luke's Church, Chelsea.

The Rev. W. S. Bartlet, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 3, adults 2,) 5. Communicants: added, 12; died or removed, 9; present number, 41. Confirmed, 6. Marriages, 6. Burial, 1. Sunday school scholars, 35. Missionary contributions: General Board, $7. Other contributions: $6 50, raised by Sunday school to purchase library; $6 26, raised by congregation for same purpose.

The church was consecrated in February last. Its beauty and convenience, combined with lowness of cost, are too well

known to require particular mention. Of the amount of the cost of the church and land, the members of the parish have contributed $1,105; and the ladies of the parish have raised, besides, $425; total raised in the parish, $1,530. The amount received from other persons in Chelsea, is estimated at $450. Whole amount raised in Chelsea, $1,980; being nearly $500 more than was at first expected. Notwithstanding the cost of the church and land has exceeded the estimate only by a very trifling sum, (and the property is now worth fifty per cent. more than its cost,) all our exertions have not prevented a debt of $1,000, remaining on the church.

The congregation has increased, and is still increasing. If the debt could be paid, there is good reason to believe that the Church in Chelsea would, before long, become permanently established, and increase in some proportion to the growth of the town.

Essex County.

St. Paul's Church, Newburyport.

The Rev. Edward A. Washburn, Deacon, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 13, adults 3,) 16. Communicants: added, 10; present number, 121. Confirmed, 5. Marriages, 5. Burials, 12. Sunday scholars, 88. Contributions: to the Massachusetts Board of Missions, $63 69; to the General Board, $14 91. Other contributions: Christmas, $21 50; Howard Benevolent Society, $9 43; Poor Fund, $37 00. Total, $146 44.

The present incumbent began to officiate in this Church on the first Sunday in Advent, and at Easter was appointed Rector. The general state of the parish is prosperous and encouraging.

St. Peter's Church, Salem.

THE REV. CHARLES MASON, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 21, adults 7,) 28. Communicants: added, 25; died or removed, 10; present number, 170. Confirmed, 15. Marriages, 8. Burials, 13. Sunday school: teachers, 17; scholars, 85. Missionary contributions: General Board, $133; State Board, $138; Episcopal Fund, $25 60; Jubilee College, $170; other charitable contributions, $300. Total, $766 60.

St. James's Church, Amesbury.

THE REV. D. GORDON ESTES, Deacon, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 2, adults 2,) 4. Communicants: added, 7; died or removed, 7; present number, 24. Confirmed, 5. Marriage, 1. Sunday school: teachers, 9; scholars, 35. Contributions: General Board of Missions, $6 46; Massachusetts Board, $5 64; other charitable purposes, $44 13; Church furniture, $32 50. Total, $88 73.

The present incumbent entered upon the discharge of his duties in last October. The present prospects of this parish are encouraging. All the sittings in the church are rented, and could there be erected a larger church, it would, probably, be soon filled, and the parish become self-sustaining and vigorous.

It is proposed to erect a church of 400 sittings, at a cost of about $3000 above the foundation. A desirable site is held in trust by the Bishop for the use of the parish, and it is estimated, that the present church can be sold for sufficient to construct a foundation for the new one. Towards the $3000, there have been $1000 pledged in Amesbury, $700 in Newburyport, Lowell, and Salem, and $500 in Boston. There remain $800. When this shall be secured, the work of building will be commenced. It is hoped that the friends of the Church abroad will soon pledge this sum, so that the present opportunity for placing this parish on a sure basis, may not pass unimproved.

St. Michael's Church, Marblehead.

THE REV. M. P. STICKNEY, Rector.

Baptisms: infants, 8. Communicants, 100. Marriages, 3. Burials, 10. Contributions: General Board of Missions, $64 27; Diocesan do., $20 55; for Bishop Chase, of Illinois, $5 80: $90 62. For the Episcopal Fund, $5 50; Miscellaneous, $47 66: $53 16. Total, $143 78.

Christ Church, Andover.

THE REV. GEORGE PACKARD, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 7, adults 1,) 8. Communicants: added, 10; removed, 6; present number, 88. Confirmed, 5. Burials, (infants 4, adults 3,) 7. Marriages, 3. Sunday school: teachers, 14; scholars, 102. Missionary contributions: General Board, $136 12. Parish purposes, $58 76.

This parish is in a prosperous condition. The number of attendants upon the regular services on Sunday has increased. By the liberality of one gentleman, to whom the parish, in the few years of its existence, has been much indebted, a parsonage is at once to be provided. Having given, some months since, a pleasant and convenient site by the side of the church, he has recently appropriated funds for the building of the house.

St. Stephen's Church, Lynn.

THE REV. G. D. WILDES, Deacon, Officiating Minister.

The statistics of the parish as required by the Canon, are as follows:

Baptisms: adult, 1. Communicants, 26. Marriages, 2. Burial, 1. Missionary contributions: Massachusetts Board, $13. Collection at the Offertory, $2 15; other contributions for religious purposes, $25. Sunday school: scholars, 31; teachers, 5. A ladies' sewing circle, by untiring diligence during the past

year, have raised $60, for purchase of carpet, stoves, fuel, and in payment of the salary of an organist.

In addition to the above, the minister, in the absence of the respective rectors, has baptized four infants in Christ Church, Boston, and performed one marriage in St. Peter's, Salem.

The minister, under the advice and direction of the Bishop of the Diocese, took charge of this parish on the "second Sunday in Advent," and has officiated in the same until the present date. The parish is that formerly existing under the title of "Christ Church." It may not be improper briefly to state the circumstances under which the present parish is organized. It is well known that the parish of Christ Church, consisting of but a few families, and laboring under the discouraging burden of a considerable debt, has had but a nominal existence for some years. The church being held on mortgage by an individual, (not a member of the Church,) was leased by him, or others concerned, for various religious and secular purposes; and has been thus used or vacant for some four or five years. Meantime, those who were communicants, or otherwise attached to the worship of the Church, were scattered among the various denominations of the town, and the prospect of ever uniting them again in their household faith and worship, had become but faint. God, however, in his providence saw fit, in this condition of the parish, to raise up an instrument for its revival. Through the untiring exertions of a devoted and liberal gentleman of Boston, an attempt was made to free the parish from the burden which had so long rested upon it, which eventually resulted in the redemption of the mortgage upon the church, and in the gathering together of the scattered members of the fold. The church property thus redeemed, was placed by the new proprietors in the possession of the Bishop of the Diocese, together with two other gentlemen as trustees, and is at present so held.

Services have been regularly held in the church since October last, (saving an interval of some weeks, while repairs were being made.) Services were also held on Ash-Wednesday and Good Friday, and at other seasonable times during the period of Lent. A Sunday school has been organized under the superintendence of the minister, embracing about thirty scholars, and five teachers.

There is also a Bible class in connection with the school; from both which, with the blessing of God, good results are anticipated. At the suggestion and by the active exertions of the gentleman before mentioned, repairs much needed, have been effected within the church, which, redeeming it from its abused and neglected condition, at the same time improve it in point of convenience and taste.

From the re-opening of the church in October last, there has been an increase in the attendance upon the regular services of the Lord's day. The average attendance has not varied far from eighty persons in the morning, and an hundred and twenty in the afternoon; and we cannot, in the review of the providence of God, which has raised up this branch of Zion from the dust, but entreat the prayers of the faithful in Christ Jesus, that this Church may eventually be seen to be "a vine of His own planting, and the people as the trees of righteousness in the garden of the house of the Lord."

Norfolk County.

St. Paul's Church, Dedham.

The Rev. S. B. Babcock, Rector.

Baptisms: infants, 6. Communicants: added, 4; died or removed, 7; present number, 38. Marriage, 1. Burials, 12. Sunday scholars, 30.

Deaths and removals have diminished our number of communicants since the last report. We have made collections six times the past year, but have felt obliged to appropriate to our own wants the moneys thus raised. This will be justified, we believe, by the fact, that every effort (and on the part of some, a positive sacrifice of property,) has been made to procure the means of building a new church. We consider the success of this project as now secured. Friends abroad have rendered us essential aid. For this we renewedly tender them our thanks.

Without their assistance we could not have succeeded. The building is in rapid progress. Arthur Gilman, Esq., architect, furnished the plan, which has been approved by all who have examined it.

St. James's Church, Roxbury.

THE REV. M. A. DEWOLFE HOWE, Rector.

Baptisms: infants, 13. Burials, 14. Marriages, 6. Confirmed, 7. Communicants: added, 30; died or removed, 13; present number, 156. Sunday school teachers, 13; scholars, 100. Missionary contributions: General Board, $259 93; Massachusetts Board, $86 84. Other contributions for religious purposes, $200 76; namely: to the American Bible Society, $43 70; to the relief of Shelby College, in the Diocese of Kentucky, $30; collections at communion, $127 06. Whole amount of charitable contributions, $554 53.

The temporal prosperity of this parish is already told in the statistics here reported. Of its spiritual condition, I feel constrained to say, that the religious coldness and indifference prevalent in the churches is manifest among us. Successful trade supersedes vital godliness. God and mammon cannot have the same votaries. O, that with all their gettings, men would get understanding, and learn to forefend adversity, by receiving prosperity with gratitude, and using it with moderation! Of our missionary offerings made during the past year, $86 81 were contributed by the Sunday school. A new organization of our adult Missionary Association was effected in the month of August last, since which time $259 96 have passed through its treasury, an amount larger than we have ever collected for kindred purposes in the same compass of time.

St. John's Church, Jamaica Plain.

THE REV. GEORGE C. SHEPARD, D. D., Rector.

The prospects of this parish are encouraging. It is hoped that a debt of two thousand dollars, which has, from its commence-

ment greatly impeded its growth, will, in a few days, be paid. A subscription for this purpose, to be binding only in case the whole sum be realized, already amounts to more than eighteen hundred and fifty dollars. Should this be completed, and the two thousand dollars be obtained, the parish will be free from debt; having, as its exclusive property, a neat and commodious house of worship, with about two acres of land; a beautiful communion-service of silver, the gift of a benevolent and pious lady, since deceased; a Sunday school library of some value, and every requisite for the due celebration of our form of divine service.

The congregation seems upon the increase. During the past year, I have baptized eleven infants. Four persons have been confirmed by the Bishop. Two have been added to the communion. The number of communicants has varied; the most at any one time, have been forty-six. The Sunday school has had eight teachers, and forty-seven scholars. I have solemnized one marriage.

During the winter, the church was closed, and I was absent, at Charleston, S. C., where I was constantly engaged in the ministry, rendering such assistance as I was able, to the most of my clerical brethren there.

To the Right Rev. the Bishop of Massachusetts:

I continued to discharge the duties of General Missionary, as in the year preceding, until the first of October last, and devoted my labors chiefly to Montagu, Clappville, and Hopkinton; and after I ceased to be missionary of the Board, my labors were continued as before, to be devoted to the poor and destitute, until on the 22d of April last, when I was instituted rector of Christ Church, Quincy; where, as God has given me ability, I have continued my labors to the present time. Of the state of this Church, I can say but little more than that my expectations have been realized, amidst discouragements naturally incident to a parish distracted and depressed as this is. I have witnessed serious attention to the preached word. The congregation gradually increases, and affords some promise. Clappville has enjoyed uniformly by reading when I have been absent, for

more than half a year past, and has a prospect of soon enjoying the constant services of a clergyman. Montagu is now regularly supplied with services. Measures are now in successful progress for testing the claim of the Church in Hopkinton to the glebe of which they have long been dispossessed. After long delay the necessary papers from England have been received, and the suit will be prosecuted and brought to an issue as soon as possible, in a court of justice.

Baptisms, 5 infants. Marriage, 1.

ORANGE CLARK.

Quincy, June 11, 1845.

Middlesex County.

Christ Church, Cambridge.

THE REV. N. HOPPIN, Rector.

Baptisms: infants, 8. Communicants: added, 11; died or removed, 7; present number, 51. Confirmed, 6. Burials, 6. Sunday scholars, 30. Missionary contributions: Massachusetts Board, $45; Communion offerings, $64 28.

St. Peter's Church, Cambridgeport.

THE REV. E. F. SLAFTER, Deacon, Minister.

Baptisms, (children 16, adults 3,) 19. Communicants: added, 12; removed, 5; died, 1. Confirmed, 6; present number, 36. Marriages, 2. Burials, 4. Sunday scholars, 45; teachers, 8. Missionary contributions: Diocesan Board, $7 71. Other contributions: for a parish library, $20; for other purposes, $37.

The parish of St. Peter's, though in its general interests highly successful, has not yet been able to meet the entire expense of its newly-erected church. The friends of the Church in Boston,

have recently contributed the sum of $500 for this purpose, and measures are now in progress, which, it is hoped, will remove from the parish all pecuniary embarrassments.

St. Mary's Church, Newton, Lower Falls.

THE REV. ALFRED L. BAURY, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 10, adults 3,) 13. Communicants: added, 7; died, 5; present number, 127. Confirmed, 6. Marriages, 6. Burials, 17. Sunday scholars, 165; teachers, 21; total, 186. Missionary contributions: Massachusetts Board, $20; General Board, $68 50, which includes $29 25, collected in the Sunday school; and $25, not paid into the Diocesan treasury, being the third anonymous annual donation, from a lay member of the parish. In addition to these sums, $60 have been contributed towards the cause of Christian education in the Diocese of Illinois. Contributions for the Sunday school library, and various other pious and benevolent objects, have been as liberal as in former years, though the sum total cannot be definitely stated.

The *temporal* affairs of this parish are conducted with great prudence. So much so, that it can with truth be said, the apostolic injunction, to "owe no man any thing," is here almost literally fulfilled; and it is not less gratifying to add, that the coupled admonition, "but to love one another," seems to be regarded as equally binding. During the twenty and three years of my ministry among this people, I have never known so general a spirit of peace and good-will pervade the members of St. Mary's. As a natural consequence, the *spiritual* state of the parish during the conventional year, has been, and continues encouraging.

St. Anne's Church, Lowell.

THE REV. THEODORE EDSON, Rector.

Baptisms, (children 57, adults 9,) 66. Communicants: added, 28; died or removed, 48; present number, 314. Persons confirmed, 5. Married, 9. Buried, 20. Sunday scholars, 346. Con-

tributions: General Board of Missions, $105; Massachusetts Board, $132. Other contributions for religious purposes, $1317.

It will be observed, that the number of communicants has diminished during the past year. This has been owing in part, to the unusual number of removals, and partly to the fact, that no Confirmation has been appointed here within the conventional year. Still, however, we have occasion to make the accustomed record of the Lord's goodness. Divine truth, it is believed, while it has been striking its roots downward, has borne fruit upward. A Rector's library has been commenced, with a subscription of a thousand dollars, and the church is now undergoing an enlargement, whereby one hundred and seventy-five persons more may be accommodated within its walls.

St. John's Church, Charlestown.

THE REV. P. H. GREENLEAF, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 23, adults 6,) 29. Marriages, 7. Burials, 11. Sunday school scholars, 173; teachers, 21. Confirmed, 16. Communicants, about 100. Missionary and benevolent contributions, $277.

This parish continued in the declining condition reported last year, until the Rector's return from the General Convention at Philadelphia, in October last. Since that period, it has steadily increased in numbers and strength, both spiritual and temporal; and it is believed, at this time, to be in a sound and healthy condition. The Rector has officiated upon every Sunday, and upon the principal festivals and fasts throughout the year. He has delivered Sunday evening lectures during the winter; taught a Bible class weekly; has met the Sunday school teachers once in each week, for their instruction; and, by occasionally catechizing the children, "openly, in the church," and by his personal superintendence of the Sabbath school, has endeavored to fulfil this interesting charge "of the lambs of Christ's flock."

On Easter last, the children of the Sunday school presented the parish with the new and beautiful font of Italian marble, now erected in the church. May the Lord of the Covenant reward

these children of the Church for this offering, by baptizing them "more and more with his Holy Spirit, until they come to His everlasting kingdom."

It is proper to add, that during the year past, a Tract association has been formed, for the monthly distribution, throughout the parish, of the Diocesan and other Tracts; and it is believed much good has already, and will continue to result, from its systematic operations.

Plymouth County.

St. Andrew's Church, Hanover.

THE REV. SAMUEL CUTLER, Rector.

Baptisms: children, 8. Communicants: added, 1; died or removed, 9; present number, 122. Confirmed, 1. Marriages, 5. Burials, 11. Sunday school: teachers, 12; scholars, 70. Missionary contributions: General Board, domestic, $6 00; foreign, $107 07; Massachusetts Board, $54 37; for Tract distribution, $28 65; Bible Society, $14 67; Bishop's Fund, $4 25; Repairs on the church, $125 00; other contributions, $38 42; total, $378 63. Twenty-five dollars of the amount included in the appropriation for foreign missions, was contributed by the Dorcas Society, for the support of a child in China.

The parish has sustained a loss of several families, and also communicants, during the year, by removals from town. But in consequence of the willing cooperation, and increased contributions of those who have heretofore been among the most liberal supporters of the institutions of the Church, the financial concerns of the parish were never in a more flourishing condition.

Its spiritual condition, as indicated by the addition of but one to the communion, is such as to call for deep sorrow of heart, that so much of the divine seed has fallen by the way-side. Our prayer is that God will revive His work among us, and add to the Church such as shall be saved.

Trinity Church, Marshfield.

THE REV. SAMUEL CUTLER, Rector.

Baptisms: 1 child. Communicants: died, 1; present number, 8. Burial, 1. Missionary contributions: to Massachusetts Board of Missions, $2 00.

Occasional services have been held in this parish. Although the number of Episcopalians is very limited, and death has, during my ministry among them, removed three communicants, who were most interested in the prosperity of the Church, yet I have been gratified at the general attendance of Christians of other names, when our services have been held in Marshfield. Its members occasionally attend St. Andrew's, Hanover, although the distance is such as to render it inconvenient. They also contribute to the salary of its Rector.

Trinity Church, Bridgewater.

THE REV. N. E. MARBLE, late Rector.

Baptisms: infant, 1. Communicants: added, 1; died, 1; removed, 1; present number, 50. Confirmed, 1. Marriage, 1. Sunday scholars, 13. Missionary contributions: General Board, $2 25; other contributions, $17 63.

To the Right Rev. the Bishop of Massachusetts:

CHRIST CHURCH, PLYMOUTH. Baptisms, (infant 1, adult 2,) 3. Communicants, 17; removed, 2; present number, 15. Confirmed, 14.

At the missionary station in Easton, there have been Baptisms, infants, 2.

T. W. SNOW,
Missionary for the Southern District.

Boston, June 12th, 1845.

Bristol County.

St. Thomas's Church, Taunton.

The Rev. N. T. Bent, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 17, adults 4,) 21. Communicants: added, 15; died or removed, 7; present number, 102. Confirmed, 7. Marriages, 3. Burials, 9. Sunday scholars, 125. Missionary contributions: General Board, $65 52; Diocesan Missions, $127; Sunday school and parish libraries, $60; Tract distribution, $6 69; offerings for the poor, $108 68. Total, $367 89.

This parish has increased in strength the last year. It has reaped fruits from the returning prosperity of the town, and from the growing attention of the community to our Church. The different parochial institutions are prosperous. Peace and good order prevail in the congregation. What we need here, is what is needed everywhere, more of the inward life of Christ in the hearts of his people.

Grace Church, New Bedford.

The Rev. Thomas R. Lambert, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 22, adults 2,) 24. Communicants: added, 16; died or removed, 8; present number, 129. Confirmed, 7. Marriages, 5. Burials, 5. Sunday school: scholars, 100; teachers, 18. Missionary contributions, $156; Jubilee College, $100. Total, $256. Church repairs, $1500.

Church of the Ascension, Fall River.

The Rev. A. D. McCoy, Rector.

This parish, without the stated ministrations of a rector for about ten months, greatly suffered in its spiritual and temporal

interests. The love of many grew cold, and the means of supporting the ordinances of religion were much reduced.

The present incumbent entered upon his duties as rector, the first Sunday in April last. The average number of attendants upon divine worship on Sundays, is about the same now as when his immediate predecessor in the rectorship resigned his charge.

The present Rector has baptized 5 infants. There have been confirmed, 3; added to the communion, 3. Marriages, 2. Burials, 2.

Since the last Convention, and previous to his entering upon his duties, according to the records, there were baptized 4 infants. Marriages, 2. Burials, 6. Making in all, since the last Convention, baptized, 9. Confirmed, 3; added to the communion, 3. Marriages, 4. Burials, 8. Whole number of communicants about 73. The number of average attendants of the Sunday school about 100.

Nantucket County.

Trinity Church, Nantucket.

THE REV. THOMAS G. SALTER, Rector.

Families, 60. Baptisms, 8. Marriages, 2. Burials, 3.

The present Rector entered upon his duties on the 10th of December last. His necessary absence, on business connected with the interests of the parish, during a considerable portion of the intervening period, has not allowed the usual preparation of candidates for confirmation. The parish is in a deeply depressed state as to its pecuniary concerns, and for many important reasons, deserves the aid of the friends of apostolic truth and order. The Bishop of the Diocese, and many lay members of the Church in Boston, have, during the past winter, generously contributed towards the relief of the parish from its present heavy incumbrances. The church has been regularly opened for lay reading during the rector's absence, and he has much pleasure in stating,

that through all the discouraging circumstances by which the parish has been surrounded, the number of communicants and the general attendance has not been diminished, except by deaths or removals, and he confidently believes that if the debts were entirely liquidated, the parish would at once acquire a degree of strength and stability, which would render it a vigorous and highly useful branch of the Church in this Diocese.

Worcester County.

St. John's Church, Wilkinsonville.

The Rev. Daniel L. B. Goodwin, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 4, adults 3,) 7. Communicants: added, 6; died or removed, 10; present number, 88. Confirmed, 6. Marriages, 9. Burials, 10. Sunday scholars, 80. Missionary contributions: General Board, $254 42; Massachusetts Board, $10 58. Carpeting the church, and trimming the reading-desk and pulpit, $65 82. $200 of the above sum for the General Board of Missions, was a legacy given by the late Mrs. Hannah H. Wheeler, of Grafton, a communicant of this Church.

The state of this parish has not materially changed during the past year. So many of our communicants go from us, that our small additions do not keep our number good. There are, however, around us, a considerable number of communicants from other places, who sometimes attend worship here, but whose names, on account of their being transient residents, are not included in the statement given above.

With some of our people it is hardly a time of usual interest in religion; but with many others, the Saviour has lost none of his attractions, and the services of his house are still found to be as profitable and comforting as ever. The attendance at church on Sunday has, perhaps, a little increased above that of some former years. A low esteem of the sacraments, taken, undoubtedly, from the opinion of the various religious bodies around us,

contributes much to retard the progress of piety. In consequence of it, many children are not brought to Christ, and many adults are attempting to lead a Christian life in the neglect of the Church and its ordinances.

As many of the children and youth as were sent by their parents, or were disposed to attend, have been carried through two courses of instruction in the Catechism. The first course was conducted "openly in the church," after Morning Prayer, and took the place of the usual morning sermon on five Sundays; the second, in a school-room on the afternoon of the Wednesdays in Lent. A considerable quantity of the Tracts published by our Committee, has been circulated, and they are undoubtedly accomplishing much good. They appear to be very acceptable to our people.

All Saints' Church, Worcester.

THE REV. G. T. CHAPMAN, D. D., Rector.

Baptisms, (adults 4, children 11,) 15. Confirmed, 10. Communicants: added, 20; removed, 4; present number, 48. Burials, 6.

I took charge of All Saints' Church, in the parish of Worcester, the first Sunday after Easter, in the month of April, 1844. The town is large and flourishing, with a population continually increasing, and supposed, at this time, to amount to about 12,000 souls. By the divine blessing, the Church is therefore in a fair way to become successfully and permanently established. The greatest obstacle to its growth has been the absence of a house consecrated to the worship of God. The hall, now used for this purpose, though large and commodious, is yet difficult of access, and still more objectionable from the fact of its being in secular time the scene of various amusements. To overcome this formidable deficiency has been one of our leading objects during the recent ecclesiastical year, and I am happy to report that, after the greatest exertions, the sum of six thousand dollars has been secured to encourage our hopes and brighten the prospect before us. For three thousand dollars of this amount, we are principally indebted to the liberality of the churchmen of

Boston. They have nobly responded to the personal call made upon them. To the Bishop, for his untiring efforts, to the clergy and laity, our warmest thanks are justly due. The remaining three thousand dollars has been subscribed within the parish itself. The result so far has been the purchase of a suitable site for the church in a central position, and Mr. Upjohn is preparing the plans to be followed in its erection. We hope to have every thing completed, and the church consecrated before the next Christmas. It is intended to accommodate four hundred persons, and the determination is to build it without contracting any debt.

Hampden County.

Christ Church, Springfield.

The Rev. Henry W. Lee, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 8, adults 4,) 12. Communicants: added, 15; died, 2; removed, 12; present number, 93. Confirmed, 4. Marriages, 2. Burials, 13. Sunday scholars, 60. Missionary contributions: General Board, $24; Massachusetts Board, $10. Other contributions for religious purposes: collections at the offertory, $86 06; monthly parochial collections, $90 80; Jubilee College, $20; total, $230 86. The sum given to the General Board was contributed by the Sunday school.

The parish is still burdened with debt; but it is confidently expected that efforts now in progress will result in its removal. When this most desirable end shall have been accomplished, the contributions for missionary purposes will be increased.

The people are becoming increasingly attached to our ancient and apostolic church; and though an unusually small number have been added to the communion by the rite of confirmation, still there is encouraging evidence that God has blessed the ministrations of his word and sacraments.

The parish enjoys unity, peace, and concord, and is becoming more and more important in this thriving and growing community.

Hampshire County.

St. John's Church, Northampton.

THE REV. HENRY BURROUGHS, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 6, adults 2,) 8. Communicants: added, 9; present number, 40. Confirmed, 10. Marriage, 1. Burials, 2. Sunday school: scholars, 43. Missionary contributions: General Board, $15; Massachusetts Board, $5. Other contributions: Convention fund, $4 50; for parochial purposes from weekly Church offerings, $101 50; from the Ladies' Sewing Society, $125. Total, $231.

This church is open for divine service on Tuesday evenings during the winter, and on the principal festivals and fasts. The congregation increases, and the Sunday school, which is instructed by the Rector every Sunday, is well attended. The children are catechized in the presence of the whole congregation, on the afternoon of the first Sunday of every month. Although on these occasions there is no sermon, the congregation is larger than at other times; and much interest is evidently felt in this simple method of conveying instruction.

Franklin County.

St. James's Church, Greenfield.

THE REV. TITUS STRONG, D. D., Rector.

Baptisms, (3 adults in Montague, 1 infant, do., 5 infants in Greenfield,) 9. Communicants: died, 2; added, 5; present number, 66. Confirmed, (1 in Greenfield, 2 in Montague,) 3. Burials, 6. Marriage, 1. Sunday school children, 45; Bible class, 20. Contributions: Massachusetts Board, $13; Bishop Chase, $17 25; General Board: foreign, $5; domestic, $15. Total, $50 25.

No important change has occurred in this parish since the last report. Sunday services and lectures are well attended, and a good degree of interest is manifested in the general welfare and prosperity of the church.

St. John's Church, Ashfield.

THE REV. J. PEARSON, Rector.

Baptisms, (infant 1, adult 1,) 2. Communicants: added, 2; died, 2; removed, 1; present number, 28. Confirmed, 1. Marriages, 2. Burials, 5. Sunday scholars, 40. Missionary contributions: General Board, $5; Massachusetts Board, $6. Total, $11.

No material change has occurred in this parish since the last Convention. With two exceptions, I have, unaided, preached every Sunday twice, occasionally thrice, performed the appointed services, and devoted the intermission to Sunday scholars, and others remaining in the church. I have, also, on other days preached in different districts of the town, and circulated a number of tracts, and religious books, which, I hope, through the blessing of God, have been made profitable.

Berkshire County.

St. James's Church, Great Barrington.

THE REV. S. HASSARD, Rector.

Baptisms, (adult 1, infants 10,) 11. Communicants: added, 12; died or removed, 5; present number, 121. Confirmed, 7. Marriages, 4. Burials, 8. Sunday scholars, 50. Missionary contributions: Massachusetts Board, $22; General Board, $12.

The condition of this parish may be reported good. There is not indeed that lively interest in religion which was once felt, and for this we mourn, and beseech the Lord to revive his work in the midst of the years; but the sittings in the church are all occupied; the attendance on the means of grace is large, and the attention of the people to the word, encouraging.

The rector here also records his grateful thanks to the Lord and giver of life, for a great improvement in the state of his health; having, since the last Convention, with the exception of a day and a half, been able to officiate constantly.

St. Paul's Church, Stockbridge.

THE REV. S. P. PARKER, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 4, adults 3,) 7. Confirmed, 8. Communicants: added, 8; died, 2; present number, 40. Burials, 8. Sunday scholars, 16. Families, about 55. Contributions: to Massachusetts Board of Missions, $30 22; Sunday school library, $5; Bibles, Prayer-Books, and Tracts, $10. Contribution of Ladies' Sewing Circle towards furniture of the church, organ, and current expenses, $181 90. Contribution for extinction of church debt, organ, music, by members of the parish, $547 25. Total, $774 37.

In September last, soon after its completion, the church was consecrated, and the Rector instituted, by the Bishop. A sum, small in itself, but large for this parish, was claimed by the builders, beyond the contract. The building committee allowed it, although, in their opinion, not due, in preference to resorting to litigation. The generous personal contribution of the Bishop, seconded by the zeal of a few members of the parish, extinguished the debt. The church is paid for.

This parish lies scattered over a district of eight miles by ten. In consequence, the attendance on church varies with the state of the roads and the weather. But there is a greater demand for pews than can be supplied. The congregation and the Rector's salary were doubled, when the determination to build was made known. Since the completion of the church, the sanguine expectations of its friends have been exceeded. The Rector feels bound to record his conviction, founded upon experience, and in admonition to others, that much has been lost by the delay of this measure ten years. The services are now performed with solemnity by a congregation, the majority of whom, are recently gathered into our fold. The large sum, in addition to the

original contributions of the parish to the church building, cheerfully laid upon God's altar the present year, is one among the evidences, that many worship in the spirit, and walk in the holy faith of their Redeemer.

To the skill and almost gratuitous labors of the architect, Mr. Upjohn, and to the liberal aid of churchmen at large, the parish are indebted, for a rural church, which is a model of economy, beauty and convenience. May the Holy Spirit of God make it a chosen temple; may this memorial of His servants' love return His blessing a thousand fold into their bosoms.

St. Stephen's Church, Pittsfield.

THE REV. EDWARD BALLARD, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants 10, adults 2,) 12. Communicants: added, 8; died or removed, 5; present number, 74. Confirmed, 3. Marriage, 1. Burials, 14; Sunday school scholars, 44. Contributions: General Board of Missions, $342 88. Massachusetts Board, $65. Sunday school Library, $13 86; Convention fund, $10 50. Total, $432 24.

The number of occupants of the pews in the church is greater this year than at the last report. The usual number of services has been held during the season of Lent, but with little apparent interest on the part of the majority of the parish, and it is feared with but little profit. Its religious state, during the past year, has been far from encouraging the expectation of any immediate increase of the number of communicants. Removals of valuable members of the parish have, as heretofore, been a cause of regret; and the temporary absence of one individual, with his family, who has been the principal benefactor from its beginning, is a loss which all deplore. Still it may be considered as in a favorable condition, in regard to its external prosperity.

St. Luke's Church, Lanesborough.

THE REV. S. BRENTON SHAW, Rector.

Baptisms, (children 9, adults 2,) 11. Confirmed, 5. Communicants: added, 4; died or removed, 2; present number, 70.

Burials, (children 6, adults 3,) 9. Marriage, 1. Sunday scholars, 104. Contributions: Massachusetts Board, $10; Western Missions, $10; Sunday school, $5 50; Convention fund, $6; Singing school, $75; carpets and lamps for church, $100; to make up loss of interest on fund, $80; taxes on do., $10; offerings at the holy communion, $18. Total, $314 50.

The parish of St. Luke's continues, by the grace of God, united, peaceful, and prosperous. Public worship is well attended, and the proprieties of the house of God duly regarded. The Sunday school embraces all the young of the parish, and is superintended always by the Rector. A handsome edition of the Bible, and also of the Prayer-Book, has recently been placed in the desk by a member of the congregation. A portion of the loss of the funded property of the church has lately been made up by the donation of $1000, by Mr. Laban Lasell, who had, on former occasions, given the church above $1,500. The church is now paid for; the pews all disposed of; and in proportion to its means, no congregation in the Diocese raises a larger sum for the general objects of piety and benevolence.

To the Right Rev. the Bishop of Massachusetts:

The undersigned respectfully states that he has, on several occasions, since the last Convention, assisted in the administration of the holy sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

Very respectfully, ASA EATON.

Boston, June 11, 1845.

To the Right Rev. the Bishop of Massachusetts:

Since the last Convention, the subscriber has preached twice, and administered the Holy Communion once, at the Church of the Messiah, Boston; read Morning Prayer once at Trinity Church, Boston; preached twice, and administered the communion at St. Peter's, Cambridgeport; preached twice, and assisted ten times

in the administration of the Lord's Supper at Christ Church, Boston. He has also performed the Burial Service at St. John's Church, in Portsmouth, N. H.; baptized a sick infant at Roxbury, and united one couple in matrimony in this city.

Respectfully submitted by ISAAC BOYLE.

United States Naval Hospital, Chelsea,
Boston Station, June 11, 1845,

To the Right Rev. the Bishop of Massachusetts:

During the last Conventional year, I have baptized three infants, and attended seven funerals. I have preached in St. Matthew's Church, in South Boston, and in the City Mission Chapel; also have celebrated public worship and preached several times in St. Luke's Church, Chelsea, and the Church of the Advent in the city of Boston. Divine service and preaching, have been uninterruptedly maintained on the station. I have not been absent from my chaplaincy a single week during the year; nor have I been absent a single Sunday for the last five years.

ADDISON SEARLE, *Chaplain U. S. Navy.*

To the Right Rev. the Bishop of Massachusetts:

Since the first of August last, I have officiated regularly as chaplain on board the United States Ship Ohio 74. Divine service has been performed, and a sermon preached on Sunday when the weather has permitted; the number present on these occasions varying from about two hundred and fifty to about five hundred. In addition to these duties I have occasionally preached in Boston and its vicinity, administered the communion twice, and assisted in its administration once. I have also baptized one infant, and solemnized one marriage.

M. B. CHASE.

Boston, June 11, 1845.

To the Right Rev. the Bishop of Massachusetts:

Since I removed to North Danvers and became canonically resident in this Diocese, when not officiating or attending Church elsewhere, I have generally held service at least half the day on Sunday, in my own house. I have, besides, preached about ten times, administered the communion or assisted in its administration four times, and occasionally read prayers.

Respectfully, PETRUS S. TEN BROECK.

North Danvers, June 10, 1845.

To the Right Rev. the Bishop of Massachusetts:

In compliance with the 8th Canon of 1835, I submit the following statement of occasional services performed, since resigning the Rectorship of St. Paul's Church, Newburyport, on the 13th Nov. last.

I have officiated in various places, either aiding my brethren, or supplying their places when absent, every Sunday except four, besides various services performed during the week. I have baptized four children, and administered the holy communion, or assisted in so doing, ten times. I am now engaged, during the month of June, in supplying the place of the Rev. C. Mason, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Salem.

JOHN S. DAVENPORT.

To the Right Rev. the Bishop of Massachusetts:

Since I was admitted to orders in November last, I have officiated almost every Sunday, at least twice, and not unfrequently three times. For the first few weeks, I preached in each of the churches in this city, with the exception of the Church of the Advent, and in some of the parishes in the vicinity. About the first of January, I commenced officiating in a hall in East Cambridge, which has been fitted up for Divine service. And from the first Sunday after Easter, until the present time, I have officiated regularly at St. Luke's Church in Lowell. In the course of this time, I have attended one funeral; baptized four infants; and assisted in the administration of the communion seven times.

THOMAS M. SMITH.

Boston, June 11, 1845.

To the Right Rev. the Bishop of Massachusetts:

The undersigned represents, that he has officiated eighteen Sundays at Montagu since Advent. The number of persons attending Church has averaged from seventy-five to one hundred. A tolerable degree of interest has been manifested in the services of the Lord's day; and there is a reasonable degree of probability, that if ministrations be continued here twelve months longer, a united and harmonious congregation may be established.

Communicants added, 3. Baptisms, 4. I have also officiated six Sundays at Blandford.

THORNTON W. CLAPP.

Summary of Parochial Reports.

Baptisms,	infants,	536
"	adults,	84
	Total,	620
Communicants,	added,	544
"	died or removed,	273
"	present number,	4715*
Confirmed,		294
Marriages,		187
Burials,		362
Sunday scholars,		3733*

* In this number the *last* returns from those parishes from which there are no reports this year, are included.

FORM OF PAROCHIAL REPORT, AS AMENDED AND ADOPTED BY THE CONVENTION OF 1840.

Church.	Place.	Minister.	Baptisms.		Communicants.			Confirmed.	Marriages.	Burials.	Sunday School Scholars.	Missionary Contributions.		Other contributions for religious purposes, each object to be particularly specified.
			Infants.	Adults.	Added.	Died, or removed.	Present Number.					General Board.	Mass. Board.	

N. B. It is expected that the clergyman will make such observations as to give a comprehensive view of the state of his parish and of his ministerial services during the past year.

Dr. CONVENTION *of the Protestant Episcopal Church in*

1844.			
June 14.	To amount paid the following Clergymen for travelling expenses, by order of Convention:		
	Rev. S. Hassard, . .	$10 00	
	" T. Strong, D. D., . .	10 00	
	" J. Pearson, . . .	10 00	
	" E. Allen, . . .	10 00	
	" H. W. Lee, . .	7 00	
	" S. P. Parker, . . .	10 00	
	" S. B. Shaw, . .	10 00	
	" S. Blaisdale, . . .	5 00	
	" R. M. Chapman, .	10 00	
	" E. Ballard, . . .	10 00	
	(Voucher No. 1.)		92 00
Sept. 9.	Travelling expenses of Rev. T. Edson to the General Convention, (2)		25 00
Sept. 30.	Contingent expenses of General Convention, (3)		43 50
Oct. 17.	Dutton & Wentworth's bill printing documents, (4)		16 00
Nov. 1.	Rev. P. H. Greenleaf, for travelling expenses to General Convention, (5) . . .		25 00
Nov. 21.	Travelling expenses of Rev. Dr. Strong and Rev. E. Ballard to General Convention, (6)		50 00
1845.			
June 7.	On account J. B. Dow's bill of printing Journal of 1844, (7)		50 00
June 12.	Secretary, $2,25; Treasurer, ,45, for postage and stationary, ...		2 70
	D. Allen's bill copying records of Convention, 1844, (8)		18 00
	Balance to new account, ...		229 87
			$552 07

The Treasurer being required to name the Churches which have failed this year to comply with the canon, is obliged to mention the following: — St. Matthew's, South Boston; Christ Church, Quincy; St. James's, Amesbury; Christ Church, Andover; St. Mary's, Newton Lower Falls; Trinity Church, Bridgewater; Trinity Church, Nantucket; St. Thomas's, Taunton; St. Paul's, Otis; St. Paul's, Stockbridge; St. Mark's, Blandford; Trinity Church, Marshfield; Church of the Ascension, Fall River; and St. Luke's, Lowell.

Massachusetts, in account with ISAAC BOYLE, *Treasurer.* CR.

1844.		
June 13.	By balance of old account, ...	252 82
1845.	" amount received from the following Churches for contingent expenses, under canon of 1828:	
May 10.	St. John's, Northampton, ...	4 50
June 4.	St. Paul's, Boston, ...	45 00
June 11.	St. Michael's, Marblehead, ...	10 00
	St. James's, Great Barrington, . . .	7 75
	Christ Church, Cambridge, ...	6 75
	St. Peter's, Cambridgeport, ...	5 00
	Grace Church, New Bedford, ...	18 00
	St. Stephen's, Pittsfield, ...	10 50
	St. Luke's, Lanesboro', ...	6 00
	St. James's, Roxbury, ...	19 00
	St. Anne's, Lowell, ...	18 00
	St. Paul's, Dedham, ...	8 25
	St. Luke's, Chelsea, ...	1 50
	St. Peter's, Salem, ...	15 00
	Christ Church, Springfield, ...	10 00
	St. Andrew's, Hanover, ...	9 00
	St. James's, Greenfield, ...	6 00
June 12.	St. John's, Charlestown, ...	12 00
	Trinity Church, Boston, ...	45 00
	St. Paul's, Newburyport, ...	7 50
	Grace Church, Boston, ...	15 00
	Christ Church, Boston, ...	15 00
	St. John's, Wilkinsonville, ...	4 50
		$552 07

Errors excepted.

ISAAC BOYLE, *Treasurer.*

Boston, June 12, 1845.

Dr. Massachusetts Board of Missions.

To Cash paid as follows, from June 13, 1844, to June 13, 1845:

Taunton — Rev. T. W. Snow, (special in part)	$472 03	
Worcester — Rev. G. T. Chapman, " "	955 00	
Lowell — Rev. A. D. McCoy, " "	425 00	
Western District — Rev. Orange Clark,	100 00	
Blandford — Rev. H. H. Bates,	25 00	
Otis — Rev. Ethan Allen,	50 00	
Wilkinsonville — Rev. D. L. B. Goodwin,	25 00	
Van Deusenville — Rev. R. M. Chapman,	87 33	
Stockbridge — Rev. S. P. Parker,	75 00	
Charlestown — Rev P. H. Greenleaf,	75 00	
Chelsea — Rev. W. S. Bartlet,	75 00	
Northampton — Rev. H. Burroughs,	150 00	
Cambridgeport — Rev. D. R. Brewer,	200 00	
" — Rev. Mr. Slafter,	100 00—300 00	
Amesbury — Rev. S. Blaisdale,	50 00	
" — Rev. D. G. Estes,	75 00—125 00	
Bridgewater — Rev. Mr. Marble,	18 62	
" — J. Edson, Esq. warden,	125 00—143 62	
Ashfield — Rev. J. Pearson,	50 00	
Quincy — Rev. Mr. Robinson,	18 75	
Expenses,	5 28	
		3157 01

The following sums were paid according to the direction of the donors:

City Mission,	795 80	
Worcester — For Church Building,	12 00	
Chelsea — Special, paid Rev. W. S. Bartlet,	80 00	
Ashfield — Rev. Mr. Pearson, from Pittsfield,	20 00	
East Cambridge — By hand of Bishop Eastburn,	50 00	
Bishop Chase, Illinois,	43 41	
Nantucket — Trinity Church,	1 00	
		1002 21
General Foreign Missions,	$538 84	
" Domestic "	962 37	
		3501 21
Balance to new account,		678 20
		$4,338 63

The undersigned having been appointed by the Board of Missions a Committee to exnmine the above account, have attended to that duty and hereby approve the same.

Henry W. Lee,
Benjamin Howard.

Boston, June 17, 1845.

MASSACHUSETTS BOARD OF MISSIONS. CR.

By Cash received, as follows, from June 13, 1844, to June 13, 1845:	For this Diocese.	General Dom. Missions	Foreign Missions	For various objects.	Total.
Jan. 14, 1844, balance on hand,	$82 38				82 38
Boston — Trinity Church,	587 00		380 39	419 00	1386 39
" — St. Paul's,	555 00	207 26	875 31	435 61	2073 18
" — Grace,	235 00		210 00	149 25	594 25
" — Christ,	25 16	7 17	7 17	1 00	40 50
" — St. Matthew's, South Boston,	13 00	17 00	5 00	26 00	61 00
" — Trinity Hall,				25 10	25 10
Salem St. Peter's,	113 00	65 00	65 00	25 00	268 00
Roxbury — St. James's,	69 28	96 69	163 87	24 53	347 37
Lowell — St. Anne's,	132 00		50 00	55 00	237 00
Lancsboro' — St. Luke's,	5 00	15 00			20 00
Greenfield — St. James's,	13 00				13 00
Pittsfield — St. Stephen's,	45 00	42 88	300 00	20 00	407 88
Charlestown — St. John's,	8 50				8 50
Newton Lower Falls — St. Mary's,	20 00	19 63	23 94		63 57
Marblehead — St. Michael's,	20 55	47 49	15 48	7 10	90 62
New Bedford — Grace,	81 00			75 00	156 00
Great Barrington — St. James's,	22 00	12 00			34 00
Springfield — Christ,	10 00	2 00	22 00		34 00
Newburyport — St. Paul's,	63 59	6 61	8 30		78 50
Northampton — St. John's,	5 00	10 00	5 00		20 00
Andover — Christ,		26 31	26 31	63 50	116 12
Chelsea — St. Luke's,				7 00	7 00
Taunton — St. Thomas's,	127 00	36 00	29 52		192 52
Nahant — Sunday school,			20 00		20 00
Bridgewater — Trinity,	2 25				2 25
Hanover — St. Andrew's,	39 00	6 00	107 07	15 00	167 07
Wilkinsonville — St. John's,		22 50	22 50		45 00
Stockbridge — St. Paul's,	30 22				30 22
Cambridge — Christ,	45 00				45 00
Cambridgeport,	7 71				7 71
Lynn — St. Stephen's,	13 00				13 00
Amesbury — St. John's	5 64	3 23	3 23		12 10
Ashfield — St. John's,	6 00				6 00
Individuals. — Rt. Rev. Bishop Eastburn,	200 00				200 00
Rev. Dr. Vinton,	100 00				100 00
William Appleton, Esq.	300 00				300 00
J. S. C. Greene, Esq.	150 00				150 00
Henry Simmons, Esq.	50 00				50 00
George M. Dexter, Esq.	50 00				50 00
Henry Codman, Esq.	50 00				50 00
Theodore Lyman, Esq.	50 00				50 00
J. S. Amory, Esq.	50 00				50 00
Amos A. Lawrence, Esq.	15 00				15 00
Dr. J. C. Warren,	50 00				50 00
Mrs. G. Greene,	50 00				50 00
Miss Greene,	50 00				50 00
Thomas A. Dexter,	20 00				20 00
Edward S. Rand,		25 00			25 00
Individuals for Lowell,	55 00				55 00
" " Worcester,	40 00				40 00
Bequest of Hannah H. Wheeler,		100 00	100 00		200 00
Mrs. Punchard,			20 00		20 00
Randall Holden, 2d,		10 00	25 00		35 00
A lady, by hand of Rev. S. Cutler,			2 00		2 00
A lady, by hand of Bishop Eastburn,	4 00				4 00
A lady,		2 50	2 50		5 00
W. H. S. of St. Paul's,			10 00		10 00
Miss Sarah Little,	2 00				2 00
Church Collection, (Convention,)	50 40				50 40
	3710 68	780 27	2499 59	1348 09	$8,338 63

ROBERT APPLETON, *Treasurer.*

Boston, June 13, 1845.

man of the Church, of whatever order, being a settled minister, or regularly officiating in some parish within this commonwealth; or being a President, Professor, Tutor, or instructor in some College or Seminary of learning, and performing clerical functions; or being a missionary under the direction of the ecclesiastical authority of this commonwealth, or a Chaplain in the army or navy of the United States, or in any benevolent or other public institution, shall be entitled to a seat and vote in the Convention, if he have been actually as well as canonically resident within this State, for the space of six calendar months next before the meeting of the Convention, and has, for the same period, been employed in performing the duties of his station, or have been canonically instituted. Provided, however, that no clergyman, otherwise entitled to a seat and vote in the Convention, shall, by reason of advanced years, or infirm health, or temporary absence, be divested of such privilege.

Every parish in this commonwealth, in union with this Convention, shall be entitled to send to the Convention a lay delegate, or delegates, not exceeding three, a certificate of whose appointment, signed by the Wardens or Parish Clerk, shall, before his or their admission to a seat, be laid before the Convention. Provided, that no person shall be competent to serve as a lay delegate unless he be a stated worshipper in the parish which he represents. The delegation from each parish shall be entitled, on a division, by orders, to but one vote.

ARTICLE IV.

New parishes may be admitted into union with this Convention, on motion, by a majority of votes, provided they shall have laid before the Convention written evidence, subscribed by the Wardens and Vestry, that they are duly organized, and accede to the Constitution and Canons of this Church.

ARTICLE V.

The Bishop of this diocese shall preside in the Convention. But, in case of vacancy, or necessary absence, the members shall elect a president from among the clergy.

Constitution

OF THE

PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH

IN THE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

AS AMENDED

IN CONVENTION, JUNE, 1841.

ARTICLE I.

THIS Church, as a constituent part of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, accedes to the General Constitution of that Church, and acknowledges its authority.

ARTICLE II.

There shall be a stated Convention of the Church in this commonwealth, at Boston, on the second Wednesday in June, in every year; unless a different time and place be fixed on by a preceding Convention. Special meetings of the Convention shall be called by the Bishop, when, in his judgment, the good of the Church may require it, or when the Standing Committee shall request it. And when the Episcopal Chair is vacant, the Standing Committee shall have power to call such Convention. Provided, always, that no business shall be done at any special convention, other than is specified in the notice calling such Convention.

ARTICLE III.

The Convention shall be composed of Clergymen and Laymen.

The Bishop, and the Assistant Bishop, when there is one, shall have a seat and a vote in the Convention. Every other clergy-

Canon of 1828,

Respecting Contingent Expenses.

It shall be the duty of every parish in this State, after the first day of January, 1829, to raise and send to the Treasurer of the Convention, to defray the contingent expenses of the Church in this State, a sum of money annually, which shall be as much as *one per centum and one half of one per centum* on the salary of its minister; and those parishes which are destitute of a clergyman, and which are represented by lay delegates in the Convention, shall pay at least five dollars annually, or send a certified copy of a vote that they are unable to pay the same; and it shall be the duty of the Treasurer, to certify in his Annual Report, what parishes have neglected to comply with the requisitions of this Canon. The money thus raised and paid into the treasury of the Convention, shall be subject to appropriation by a majority of the votes of the Standing Committee, or of such committee as shall be appointed by the Convention; and the following appropriations shall always be deemed proper, namely: to pay the travelling expenses of the Bishop of this Convention; to pay the travelling expenses of such clerical members of the Convention as cannot afford to pay the same, not exceeding ten dollars to any clergyman in one year; to pay the travelling expenses of the clerical delegates to the General Triennial Convention, not exceeding twenty-five dollars to each clerical delegate; to pay to the delegates of the Church in this State to the General Convention, such sums as shall enable them to pay the quota assessed on the several Churches in this State by each General Convention, for the contingent expenses thereof; and to pay for publishing the Journals of this Convention, and such other publications as shall be published by order of this Convention; and every parish shall be entitled to five copies, at least, of every publication printed by order of the Convention.

But no Clergyman shall be entitled to any appropriation from the Contingent Fund, unless the parish of which he is the minister shall have paid its annual quota of *one and a half per centum*, or send a certified copy of a vote that it is unable to pay the same. Neither shall any parish, thus neglecting to comply with the requisitions of the Canon, receive more than five copies of the Journal.

ARTICLE VI.

A Secretary shall be chosen upon the assembling of the Annual Convention, from among the members thereof, who shall remain in office until the meeting of the next Convention.

ARTICLE VII.

The members of the Convention present on due notification, and duly organized, shall constitute a quorum to transact the ordinary business of the Convention. The clergy and lay delegates shall deliberate as one body, and vote as such, except when a division is called for; in which case, a concurrence of both orders shall be necessary to carry any measure. All elections shall be by ballot, unless otherwise ordered by the Convention.

ARTICLE VIII.

There shall be a Standing Committee, to consist of six members; three clergymen and three laymen. They shall keep regular minutes of their proceedings, and shall report the same annually to the Convention. A majority shall be a quorum.

ARTICLE IX.

This Constitution shall not be subject to alteration in any article except at the annual meeting of the Convention; nor unless such alteration shall have been proposed at least one annual meeting previous to its adoption.

Canon of 1828,

Respecting Contingent Expenses.

It shall be the duty of every parish in this State, after the first day of January, 1829, to raise and send to the Treasurer of the Convention, to defray the contingent expenses of the Church in this State, a sum of money annually, which shall be as much as *one per centum and one half of one per centum* on the salary of its minister; and those parishes which are destitute of a clergyman, and which are represented by lay delegates in the Convention, shall pay at least five dollars annually, or send a certified copy of a vote that they are unable to pay the same; and it shall be the duty of the Treasurer, to certify in his Annual Report, what parishes have neglected to comply with the requisitions of this Canon. The money thus raised and paid into the treasury of the Convention, shall be subject to appropriation by a majority of the votes of the Standing Committee, or of such committee as shall be appointed by the Convention; and the following appropriations shall always be deemed proper, namely: to pay the travelling expenses of the Bishop of this Convention; to pay the travelling expenses of such clerical members of the Convention as cannot afford to pay the same, not exceeding ten dollars to any clergyman in one year; to pay the travelling expenses of the clerical delegates to the General Triennial Convention, not exceeding twenty-five dollars to each clerical delegate; to pay to the delegates of the Church in this State to the General Convention, such sums as shall enable them to pay the quota assessed on the several Churches in this State by each General Convention, for the contingent expenses thereof; and to pay for publishing the Journals of this Convention, and such other publications as shall be published by order of this Convention; and every parish shall be entitled to five copies, at least, of every publication printed by order of the Convention.

But no Clergyman shall be entitled to any appropriation from the Contingent Fund, unless the parish of which he is the minister shall have paid its annual quota of *one and a half per centum*, or send a certified copy of a vote that it is unable to pay the same. Neither shall any parish, thus neglecting to comply with the requisitions of the Canon, receive more than five copies of the Journal.

Canon of the General Convention of 1835,

On the mode of securing an accurate view of the state of the Church, from time to time.

SECTION 1. As a full and accurate view of the state of the Church, from time to time, is highly useful and necessary, it is hereby ordered that every Minister of this Church shall present, or cause to be delivered, on or before the first day of every annual Convention, to the Bishop of the Diocese, or, where there is no Bishop, to the President of the Convention, a statement of the number of baptisms, confirmations, marriages, and funerals, and of the number of communicants in his parish or Church, and of all other matters that may throw light on the state of the same; and these parochial reports, or such parts of them as the Bishop shall think fit, shall be read and entered on the journals of the Convention. And every other clergyman not regularly settled in any parish or Church, shall also report to the ecclesiastical authority of his Diocese, the occasional services he may have performed; and, if he have performed no such services, the causes or reasons which have prevented the same.

Canon of 1844,

Respecting the increase of the Episcopal Fund.

IN every parish in this Diocese, a collection shall be annually made on Trinity Sunday, and paid over to the Treasurer of the Trustees of Donations to the Protestant Episcopal Church in this Commonwealth, to be added to the permanent fund for the support of the Bishop of this Diocese; and the said Treasurer shall report annually to this Convention, the amount by him received from each parish.

LIST OF THE CLERGY

OF THE

Diocese of Massachusetts.

JUNE, A.ᴰ D., 1845.

The Right Rev. MANTON EASTBURN, D. D., Bishop of the Diocese, and Rector of Trinity Church, Boston.

The Rev. ETHAN ALLEN.

The Rev. SAMUEL B. BABCOCK, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Dedham.

The Rev. EDWARD BALLARD, Rector of St. Stephen's Church, Pittsfield.

The Rev. WILLIAM S. BARTLET, Rector of St. Luke's Church, Chelsea.

The Rev. HENRY H. BATES, officiating in Connecticut.

The Rev. ALFRED L. BAURY, Rector of St. Mary's Church, Newton Lower Falls.

The Rev. NATHANIEL T. BENT, Rector of St. Thomas's Church, Taunton.

The Rev. JOHN L. BLAKE, D. D., residing in New York.

The Rev. ISAAC BOYLE, D. D., residing in Boston, occasionally officiating.

The Rev. HENRY BURROUGHS, Jr., Rector of St. John's Church, Northampton.

The Rev. CLEMENT M. BUTLER, Rector of Grace Church, Boston.

The Rev. GEORGE T. CHAPMAN, D. D., Rector of All Saints' Church, Worcester.

The Rev. ROBERT M. CHAPMAN.

The Rev. MOSES B. CHASE, Chaplain in the United States Navy, residing in Cambridgeport.

The Rev. THORNTON W. CLAPP, officiating in Montague.

The Rev. ORANGE CLARK, D. D., Rector of Christ Church, Quincy.

The Rev. JOSEPH H. CLINCH, Rector of St. Matthew's Church, South Boston.

The Rev. WILLIAM CROSWELL, Rector of the Church of the Advent, Boston.

The Rev. SAMUEL CUTLER, Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Hanover, and Trinity Church, Marshfield.

The Rev. JOHN S. DAVENPORT.

The Rev. ASA EATON, D. D., Treasurer of the Convention, residing in Boston.

The Rev. THEODORE EDSON, Rector of St. Anne's Church, Lowell.

The Rev. DANIEL GORDON ESTES, Rector of St. James's Church, Amesbury.

The Rev. FRANCIS A. FOXCROFT.

The Rev. DANIEL L. B. GOODWIN, Rector of St. John's Church, Wilkinsonville.

The Rev. PATRICK H. GREENLEAF, Rector of St. John's Church, Charlestown.

The Rev. SAMUEL HASSARD, Rector of St. James's Church, Great Barrington.

The Rev. NICHOLAS HOPPIN, Rector of Christ Church, Cambridge.

The Rev. M. A. DE WOLFE HOWE, Rector of St. James's Church, Roxbury.

The Rev. THOMAS R. LAMBERT, Rector of Grace Church, New Bedford.

The Rev. DANIEL LEACH, Teacher of a Classical School, in Roxbury.

The Rev. HENRY W. LEE, Rector of Christ Church, Springfield, and Secretary of the Convention.

The Rev. CHARLES MASON, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Salem.

The Rev. AMOS D. McCOY, Rector of the Church of the Ascension, Fall River.

The Rev. GEORGE PACKARD, Rector of Christ Church, Andover.

The Rev. SAMUEL P. PARKER, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Stockbridge.

The Rev. JACOB PEARSON, Rector of St. John's Church, Ashfield.

The Rev. F. W. J. POLLARD.

The Rev. F. C. PUTNAM.

The Rev. GEORGE M. RANDALL, Rector of the Church of the Messiah, Boston.

The Rev. JOHN P. ROBINSON, Chaplain for Seamen, Boston.

The Rev. THOMAS G. SALTER, Rector of Trinity Church, Nantucket.

The Rev. ADDISON SEARLE, Chaplain in the United States Navy, residing in Chelsea.

The Rev. SAMUEL B. SHAW, Rector of St. Luke's Church, Lanesborough.

The Rev. GEORGE C. SHEPARD, D. D., Rector of St. John's Church, Jamaica Plain.

The Rev. EDMUND F. SLAFTER, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Cambridgeport.

The Rev. THOMAS M. SMITH, residing in Andover.

The Rev. THEODORE W. SNOW, Missionary in the Southern District of the Diocese.

The Rev. M. P. Stickney, Rector of St. Michael's Church, Marblehead.

The Rev. Titus Strong, D. D., Rector of St. James's Church, Greenfield.

The Rev. Petrus S. Ten Broeck, residing in North Danvers.

The Rev. Alexander H. Vinton, D. D., Rector of St. Paul's Church, Boston.

The Rev. Edward A. Washburn, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Newburyport.

The Rev. John L. Watson, Assistant Minister on the Greene Foundation, Trinity Church, Boston.

The Rev. E. M. P. Wells, Minister of the City Mission Chapel, Boston.

The Rev. George D. Wildes, Minister of St. Stephen's Church, Lynn.

The Rev. William Withington.

The Rev. John Woart, Rector of Christ Church, Boston.

[Total, 59.]

List of Parishes

IN THE DIOCESE OF MASSACHUSETTS.

JUNE, A.D., 1845.

Christ Church,	Boston.
Trinity Church,	Boston.
St. Paul's Church,	Boston.
Grace Church,	Boston.
Church of the Messiah,	Boston.
Church of the Advent,	Boston.
St. Matthew's Church,	South Boston.
St. Luke's Church,	Chelsea.
Christ Church,	Cambridge.
St. Peter's Church,	Cambridgeport.
St. John's Church,	Charlestown.

St. Mary's Church,	Newton Lower Falls.
St. Anne's Church,	Lowell.
St. Luke's Church,	Lowell.
St. Paul's Church,	Hopkinton.
Christ Church,	Quincy.
St. Paul's Church,	Dedham.
St. James's Church,	Roxbury.
St. John's Church,	Jamaica Plain.
St. Paul's Church,	Newburyport.
St. James's Church,	Amesbury.
St. Peter's Church,	Salem.
St. Michael's Church,	Marblehead.
Christ Church,	Andover.
St. Stephen's Church,	Lynn.
St. John's Church,	Wilkinsonville.
Christ Church,	Clappville.
All Saints' Church,	Worcester.
St. Andrew's Church,	Hanover.
Trinity Church,	Marshfield.
Trinity Church,	Bridgewater.
Christ Church,	Plymouth.
St. Thomas's Church,	Taunton.
Grace Church,	New Bedford.
Church of the Ascension,	Fall River.
Christ Church,	Springfield.
St. Mark's Church,	Blandford.
St. John's Church,	Northampton.
St. James's Church,	Greenfield.
Trinity Church,	Montague.
St. John's Church,	Ashfield.
St. Luke's Church,	Lanesborough.
St. Stephen's Church,	Pittsfield.
Trinity Church,	Lenox.
St. Paul's Church,	Stockbridge.
Trinity Church,	Van Deusenville.
St. James's Church,	Great Barrington.
St. Paul's Church,	Otis.
Trinity Church,	Nantucket.

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